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PRACTICAL BASIS FOR PEACE

Brighter Outlook For A Settlement In China

NEGOTIATIONS THIS MONTH?

Nanking, February 28.

The hitherto uncertain prospects of peace for war-torn China appeared to have steadied considerably today.

A highly reliable source disclosed that a more practical basis has now been found for negotiations with the Communists through the efforts of Dr. Shao Li-tse, and the unofficial Shanghai peace mission.

Matching the fruitful unofficial peace efforts, the Government today is seen moving closer to unity within itself which is considered necessary to successful achievement of political settlement between the Kuomintang and the Communists.

Mr. Pollitt Toes The Party Line

London, February 28.
The British Communist leader, Mr. Harry Pollitt, was disclosed today to have told a meeting of his party's National Executive that British Communists will side with Russia in the event of war.

They will implement their stand with strikes and councils of action, he declared in a statement published by the Communist "Daily Worker."

His statement came within a week after similar declarations by the French Communist leader, M. Maurice Thorez, and the Italian Communist boss, Signor Palmiro Togliatti.

Mr. Pollitt, Secretary-General of the Communist Party, was quoted as telling 248 delegates at the meeting. "If provocateurs ask us what we will do in the event of an imperialist aggressive war against the USSR we will reply in the same way as Mr. Ernest Bevin in 1922—organise strikes and councils of action to prevent that war from being carried through."

Mr. Pollitt said: "Nothing can stop the advance of Communism."—United Press.

Capping the developments today are the return of the Premier, Dr. Sun Fo, to Nanking and the opening of the Legislative Yuan session here this morning.

Dr. Sun, yielding to popular pressure, arrived at 1.35 p.m. today aboard Chiang Kai-shek's personal four-motored C-54 to join ranks with President Li Tsung-shan in preparing for peace talks with the Communists, now due to begin next month.

Dr. Sun's return, which was the root cause of the month-long tussle between Nanking and Canton, does not appear to have made a deep impression on Nanking officialdom. Only a small group of officials turned out to meet him at the airport as compared with the enthusiastic welcome given the unofficial peace delegates yesterday.

The Prime Minister declined to make any statement to the pressmen waiting at the airport but his spokesman, Mr. Charlie Wan, said the Premier will meet the press after two days. Dr. Sun is to appear on Saturday before the Legislative Yuan, where, according to reports, a hostile reception is being planned for him. It is believed that his return, though belated, will have some effect in softening the opposition against him.

Talks Practical

The Prime Minister's return and the resumption of the Legislative Yuan meeting are considered to have applied the first stitches to the month-long Nanking-Canton rupture.

Though the future is still up in the air, observers generally consider that a sufficient closure of the ranks within the divided Government has been achieved to permit a united front in the forthcoming talks with the Communists.

An official source said encouraging news brought back by the unofficial peace delegates dispelled much of the former pessimism inside the Government. The general feeling now, even among some of the war advocates, is that peace talks are practical, he said.

Mao's Letter

1. Mao Tse-tung has sent a long personal letter to President Li through the unofficial delegates.

2. A more practical basis has been ironed out through discussions between the Communist leaders and the unofficial delegates for the opening of negotiations.

3. The Communist leaders agreed in principle not to renew military offensives during the course of the peace talks.

4. The unofficial delegates are convinced of the sincerity of the Communists for peace talks and have taken upon themselves the task of persuading the Government to the same point of view.

5. The Communists will appoint their delegates sometime next month and the talks will take place in Peiping.

Yuan Support

No qualified sources will elaborate on the above mentioned points but it is known that they form the key notes in the "official delegates" report to President Li yesterday.

Government leaders headed by the President are at present holding a busy round of conferences to study the report and consider their next step.

Mr. Tung Kwan-hsien, President of the Legislative Yuan, pledged the Yuan's support to a peace policy.

Speaking at the opening session this morning he described peace as the people's most urgent need at present and laid down the problems of achievement of peace, political reforms, stabilization of economic conditions and betterment of the people's standard of living as the main topics of discussion in the current sessions.

Ban On Newsmen

Meanwhile all foreign correspondents, foreign news agencies and foreign newspapers and the United States Information Service in Peiping have been notified to discontinue their activities in the Communist-held city.

The Communist North Shensi Radio confirmed last night. Foreign nationals were simultaneously prohibited from publishing newspapers in Peiping.

The Communist radio announcement said the order was given by General Yeh Chien-ying, the Red Mayor of Peiping and director of the city's Military Control Committee, because of the present wartime situation.

It listed 17 foreign correspondents known to be working in the city and warned that the order must be obeyed. The prohibition applies to all activities, including the interviewing of officials and the sending of telegrams, the Radio said. The order followed closely on earlier instructions to foreign correspondents to prepare their messages.—United Press and Router.



The girl at the left wasn't aware of the avalanche of fruit baskets on their way down, although many pairs of hands went up to catch them. Cove Garden porters, renowned for their skill in balancing towers of baskets, took part in a novelty race at the Liberal Club at the Lyceum Ballroom, London. This one, with six down and four to go, rather let the side down. (AP Photo).

WOMEN POLICE FOR HONG KONG

The Hong Kong Government will start recruiting women police next month for the first time in the Colony's 107-year-old history.

PROTEST MARCH IN RANGOON

Rangoon, February 28.
About 1,000 dismissed employees of the Burma Government staged an anti-Government protest march through Rangoon's streets today.

The demonstrators assembled before the offices of the Controller of Posts and Telegraphs, the General Post Office and the Port Commissioner's office, and appealed to loyal employees to stop work and join the strike.

The police stood by but the demonstration ended without incident.

A strike of Burma Government workers began on February 7 and the Government immediately declared that all strikers failing to return by February 10 would be dismissed, forfeiting leave, pay and pension privileges.

About 500 Indians today resumed their duties in the administrative offices of the Burma Government, following the Government's withdrawal of its order dismissing them.

The Indians had remained neutral in the strike called by the all-Burma ministerial services union but did not turn up for work when the Government's ultimatum expired.—Router.

SHANGHAI HCL

Shanghai, February 28.
Shanghai's steadily rising cost of living index hit 643 today, an increase of 84 per cent in the last two weeks.

The index, announced by the Municipal Government Statistics Department chief, is based on the August 10 level.

Two weeks ago, the index stood at 340.

The cost of living is now 13 times the January 15 level.—Associated Press.

GANG ARRESTED

Shanghai, February 28.
An American seaman is among a gang of six foreigners and two Chinese jailed on charges of attempting to extort US\$50,000 from a Dolan Oshelle missionary.

Police identify the American as Jimmy Goodwin, aged 24. The U.S. Consulate said he is from Oakland, California.—Associated Press.

Look Out
Below!

ORDER SAID TO HAVE RETURNED TO BANGKOK

Bangkok, February 28.

The Government announced today that order has been restored after a Saturday night clash between Army and Navy personnel resulted in scores of casualties.

Officially, the Government said the clash was a "misunderstanding." Earlier announcements said plotters had tried to overthrow the Government of Premier Pibul Songgram and install one headed by Direk Jayanin, former Ambassador to Great Britain.

The Government statement indicated that at 9 p.m. on Saturday plotters dressed in military police uniforms held up the staff of Radio Bangkok and forced an announcement that the Songgram Cabinet was overthrown and a new government had taken over.

Jayanin at that time was watching a theatre performance and later said he knew nothing about the plot.

The military clash was touched off when six Navy men on patrol near a bridge on the outskirts of Bangkok were disarmed by an Army group. Some soldiers began shooting at the Navy men, killing one.

A Navy captain then called upon units at the naval base to come into Bangkok and take up positions.

Marines came in, and seized the police station and other strategic points. Yesterday morning, there were several clashes between the Marines and Army units.

At one intersection, an Army tank attacked a group of Marines who crippled the tank with bazooka fire.

Premier's Call

About 10 persons, including three civilians, were killed at Makasan railway station. Navy ships came up the Chao Chya River and took up positions opposite Government buildings.

The Army ordered units into the Siam capital from provincial posts. Yesterday, Premier Songgram called upon the armed forces to stop fighting and an "armistice" was declared. Songgram told the men they had been tricked into fighting. A Joint Army and Navy committee was appointed to investigate the outbreak.

The Government announced that about 40 plotters had been arrested.

Airport Reopened

The Director of the Government Publicity Department was questioned but released.

Cable facilities and the Don Muang airport were shut down. Troops reopened both today.

During the wildest part of the shooting, big guns were used in the vicinity of both the Navy Department and the Ministry of Defence.

The Army, Navy and police set up roadblocks at strategic points and blocked off sections of the city.

Last October, several high-ranking Army officers were arrested for plotting to take over the Songgram Government. The Government itself came into being through a coup in 1947 when the Thamrong Nawasawat Government was overthrown by Songgram.

Passenger's Story

An air traveller who asked anonymously, said upon arriving in Hong Kong from Bangkok yesterday that the Post Office was still barricaded as a result of Saturday night's attempted coup d'etat.

"Aircraft were unable to take off last night as the immigration authorities were not permitted to get to the aerodrome after 6 p.m.," he said.

"We were held up a few times last night on the way to the field, first by the Army and later by the Air Force, who appeared to be protecting their interests near the drome. I was unable to obtain any information this morning beyond the fact that the Post Office was still barricaded. I imagine the situation is still chaotic."—Associated Press.

Poles Look To Russia

Warsaw, February 27.

Poland expects Russia to start deliveries shortly of \$450 million worth of capital goods to raise Polish industrial production.

Announcing this today, Dr. Stefan Jedrychowski, Vice-Chairman of the Central Planning Board, added that Poland has abandoned hope of getting help from the United States.

"Poland cannot expect to get assistance from the United States since export licences have been refused in spite of the fact that Poland paid in advance for goods she ordered," Jedrychowski said.

Jedrychowski added that the supplies from Russia would form the foundation of Poland's new six-year recovery programme. The Soviets have granted Poland big credit under a five-year trade pact.

The Parliamentary Economic Planning Commission predicts that overall industrial production this year will increase 20 per cent over 1948.—Associated Press.

Mystery Subs Seen Off PI

Manila, February 28.
A new rush of reports of submarine sightings off Baler Bay on the East coast of Luzon were under official investigation today.

Reports persist that an unidentified submersible was seen on February 2 and again on February 14. Authorities have been sceptical in the past on such reports.—Associated Press.

OFFICERS ARRESTED AS SPIES

Paris, February 28.

The Ministry of Interior announced today that two French Army officers have been arrested as Communist spies and one, a regular army major, has confessed to giving military secrets to a foreign Military Attaché.

The Ministry identified the officers as Major Teulery, Communist Party member and former resistance fighter who was drafted into the regular army after the liberation, and Captain Arnaud, member of the Franco-Russian Friendship Society and instructor at the Airborne School at Pau.

Both men will be tried by a military tribunal on espionage charges.

Major Teulery, said the Ministry, has admitted having handed to a foreign Military Attaché numerous documents which he was able to gather in connection with his duties in the offices of the Ministers of Armaments and National Defence.

Captain Arnaud said he collaborated with Major Teulery. The inquiry into the espionage affair is continuing, added the Ministry.—United Press.

U.S. FREIGHTER GOES AGROUND

Seattle, February 28.

Hard aground after striking a mud bar on Marrowstone Island in Puget Sound, the American Mail Line's passenger freighter Washington Mail resisted efforts to free her late yesterday.

Six rescue vessels were unable to pull the 7,680-ton ship loose at high tide, even though water had been pumped from ballast tanks to lighten her.

Another attempt will be made to refloat her on flood tide this morning.—Associated Press.

Church Leader's Plea Of Guilty

Sofia, February 28.
George Nikolov Chernov, Pentecostal Church leader, today pleaded guilty to charges of espionage, treason and black marketing but blamed his co-defendants for ensnaring him in alleged anti-State activity.

Chernov was the fourth of 15 Protestants on trial here to testify and the fourth to plead guilty.

Forty-six years of age, medium height and of stocky build with a shiny bald patch in the middle of his head, Chernov kept his hands on the rail of the witness box and spoke in a low, tired and monotonous voice almost without interruption from the bench.

He stuck to the outline of his 240-page handwritten confession which was published before the trial. But unlike the other defendants he appeared to be skipping large chunks of it, summarising instead of giving full details. Observers had the impression that he had been instructed to do so in order to speed up the trial.

Military Data

Chernov said that at the end of 1944 he was told by Nikola Naumov, second of the leading defendants, that orders had been received from Church circles in Geneva to continue the collection of information on all phases of Bulgarian life as he allegedly had been doing since 1939. He said he agreed.

Shortly after that, he said, he met Yanko Ivanov, another chief defendant, who told him he must work for the opposition.

He said he agreed to this temporarily and arranged to supply Ivanov with information to be transmitted to Mr. Cyril Black, a former member of the United States mission in Sofia.

Chernov said that in the Autumn of 1945 he supplied Ivanov with information on the number and disposition of Soviet troops, airfields and other military data and on new construction.—United Press.

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Communists Try A Coup In India

New Delhi, February 28.

The Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, said today that the gang raids in the Calcutta area and the widespread sabotage throughout India were Communist moves aimed at seizing government by force.

He told Parliament that 870 Communists have been arrested in the past 10 days for violence bordering on open revolt and that the Government's moves against murderers, arsonists and saboteurs will continue.

Mr. Nehru said: "The Communist Party has adopted an attitude not only of open hostility to the Government but one which can be described as bordering on open revolt."

The Weather

At 600 GMT (2 p.m. HKST), a moderate anticyclone dominates China and the neighbouring seas. The deep depression to the E of Hokkaido is moving slowly ENE. Its associated trough extends Southward then Westward to the extreme N of the China Sea.

Today's Forecast: Fresh to moderate easterly winds, cloudy with occasional drizzle about the hills overnight, clearing partially during the day.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum: 60.0 deg. Fah. Minimum: 38.0 deg. Fah. Sunshine: 2.2 hours.

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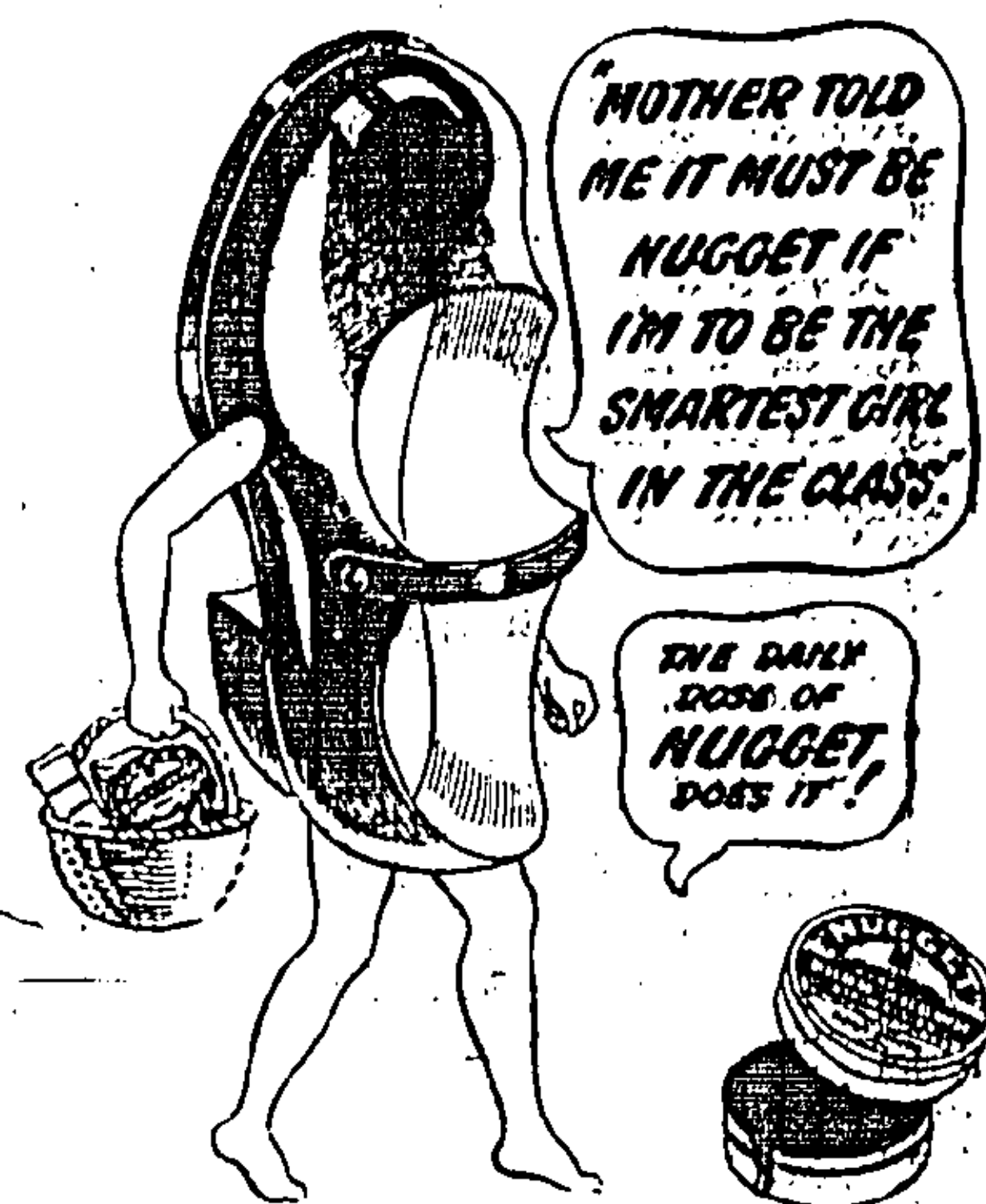
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PWD LARCENY CASE: MAY'S TRIAL OPENS

The trial commenced yesterday at the Criminal Sessions of Kwok Kwong, foreman, and Arthur Frederick May, electrical inspector, Grade I, both of the Public Works Department, before Mr. Justice Williams, Puisne Judge.

Both accused were indicted before a Jury comprising five men and two women on three counts of larceny by public servant, and three counts of falsification of documents with intent to defraud.

A seventh count—that of conspiracy to defraud the Government—was dropped when the Crown offered no evidence.

First accused, Kwok Kwong, is not legally represented, Arthur May is being defended by Mr. J. C. Stewart.

Crown Counsel, Mr. A. Hooton, is conducting the prosecution, assisted by Assistant Superintendents of Police Johnson and MacPherson of the Anti-Corruption Branch.

An application by Mr. Clifford yesterday to extend May's bail of \$1,000 up to the end of the trial was granted by the court.

The first count is that both accused on July 23, 1948, stole 1,000 yards of electrical cable, the property of the Crown. The second is the alleged theft of two electric fluorescent lamps on July 23. The third count, comprising the falsification of documents with intent to defraud the Government, is alleged to have been committed on July 24 and is in connection with false entries purporting to show that PWD workmen were employed at the Kowloon Hospital.

The fourth count is in regard to 400 yards of electrical cable, which according to the prosecution, was stolen on July 30. The fifth count is in regard to false entries in the daily labour distribution purporting to show that PWD workmen were employed at To Kwa Wan Market on August 4. The sixth count concerns other alleged false entries in respect of the Market on August 5.

Prosecution Case

Detailing the case for the prosecution, Mr. Hooton stated that in the first, second and fourth counts, it was alleged by the Crown that the two men stole certain electrical cable the property of the Crown.

The property, he continued, which was supposed to have been used for public works, was used by the two accused for private work.

As regards the first count, Mr. Hooton stated that 1,000 yards of electrical cable on July 23 were taken up to certain private houses at Pokfulam.

The second count, he went on, related to the two fluorescent lamps which were installed in the office of Lowbridge, Shackleton and Company of Prince's Building, and which, he said, were installed on the same day as the 1,000 yards of electrical cable were taken.

Crown Counsel went on to state that the fourth count alleges that a further 400 yards of cable were taken on July 30 and relates to the houses at Pokfulam.

Referring to the third, fifth and sixth counts, Mr. Hooton said that Kwok Kwong and May falsified certain labour returns showing workmen employed on Government jobs, when they knew that they were not working on those jobs, but at Pokfulam.

"A Hierarchy"

At the time of the arrest of the two accused, Counsel said, May was in charge of one of the two electrical workshops of the PWD at Hung Hom. The workshop employed at that time about 80 daily paid workers, the bulk of whom were electricians. Kwok Kwong at that time was the general foreman of the workshop, May's right-hand man.

Mr. Hooton said that there was a kind of hierarchy, May in the top and in full charge, while underneath him was Kwok Kwong. Beneath Kwok Kwong there were three chargehands, and under them the electricians, coolies and welders.

Mr. Hooton said that materials drawn for jobs on the Kowloon side were drawn up on the authority of May from the transient stores at Wanchai and brought to Kowloon and put into the stores at Hung Hom. The stores were then handed over to the chargehands. It was Kwok Kwong who

issued the orders for the various jobs to the chargehands.

Counsel went on to say that there were no leaders in Hung Hom, and it would appear that later on no attempt was made to segregate the stores for the various jobs.

Mr. Hooton further stated that the system made a theft from the workshop easier than if they had a proper record.

Police Raid

It was significant, he said, that the accused permitted this system to continue.

Mr. Hooton said that the Jury might think that if there had been some big discrepancies, they might think that May must have noticed it but took no action because there was some ulterior motive on his part.

Mr. Hooton then declared that this was the system prevailing in August 11, 1948, when the Anti-Corruption Branch made a raid on the workshop.

At the end of that day, after having made a number of inquiries, the police placed Kwok Kwong under arrest. May was in fact not actually arrested until two days later.

Referring to the first and fourth counts, connected with the Pokfulam jobs, Mr. Hooton said that the contention of the prosecution was that the re-wiring of two private houses at Pokfulam was done by Government electricians from the Hung Hom workshop, being debited by Kwok Kwong, that the materials were issued by Kwok Kwong and that Kwok Kwong in this first instance accompanied the workmen to the site.

The contention of the prosecution was further that May instructed Kwok Kwong to do so, and that the two houses were personal property. There was no claim or request on the part of the owner for the work to be done as a public job.

In the course of rehabilitation the houses he continued, there was occasion for electrical work to be done.

Pokfulam House

One day, Counsel went on, May, who was a personal friend of Dr. Thomas, visited the house of the doctor. In the course of May's visit, Dr. Thomas asked May to recommend a reliable contractor to see about the electrical job. May said he would.

Dr. Thomas and May later went to see the houses at Pokfulam, Mr. Hooton continued, where they were accompanied by a Chinese.

The case for the prosecution, Counsel said, was that Kwok Kwong was the man who accompanied Dr. Thomas and May.

No estimate was ever received by Mr. Thomas as to how much the work would cost, nor was any mention made of the contractor who was to do the work.

Mr. Hooton, continuing, said that the manager of Lowbridge and Shackleton, Mr. H. Heilmeyer, the brother-in-law of May, was having some trouble with the lighting at his office at Prince's Building, 100 House Street. May, whom Heilmeyer consulted on the point, advised him that fluorescent lighting would be an improvement. May was alleged to have said he would look around to find the best fluorescent lighting.

On July 23, the same day the Pokfulam jobs were done, Kwok Kwong detailed two workmen from the Wanchai workshop to the premises at Prince's Building.

Mr. Hooton stated that Kwok Kwong then told four men of the Hung Hom workshop that they would be going to Pokfulam and took 400 yards of cable from the stores, laying them outside.

Kwok Kwong himself then went over to Prince's Building, Hong Kong, taking with him two other workmen. Kwok, it is alleged, had a conversation with a Chinese who pointed out the position where the fluorescent lamps were to be installed.

Non-Existent Firm

Kwok Kwong is further alleged to have gone back to the Hung Hom workshop. As proof of this, he said, he produced a receipt for the materials, which he said he had given to a firm called 'The Electrical Engineering Company'.

An official statement yesterday said that the Committee's recommendations, and the measures, financial and otherwise, necessary to implement the recommendations are now being considered in detail.

It is hoped that all arrangements will have been made to begin the compulsory inoculation of dogs against rabies in Hong Kong by the end of the month.

HK Amateur Radio Fans

At the last meeting of the Hong Kong Amateur Radio Transmitting Society, the Council for the ensuing year were elected with Mr. A. N. Drouds, VOAAL, once more, as President. It was announced that the Society had been accepted for membership of the International Amateur Radio Union as the official member-society for Hong Kong.

The next meeting of the society will be held on Wednesday at 5.30 p.m. in the theatre attached to the China Fleet Club, which has been kindly lent for the evening. Any non-members interested in Amateur Radio will be very welcome.

Quarrel Over Tap

A quarrel over the use of a water-tap by two women on the ground floor of 19, Morrison Hill Road had its sequel at Central yesterday, when Yau King-chun, aged 27, was charged with unlawfully and maliciously wounding Tam Sum with a chopper.

Mr. A. S. Comber was for the prosecution, defendant was not represented.

Sub-Inspector Saul said that defendant and Tam Sum were brought to the Eastern Police Station on February 4.

Yau made a statement to the effect that on the day in question she was filling a bucket with water from a tap in the premises. It was half-full when she was asked by the other woman to take it, it was as she wanted to wash some vegetables.

An argument ensued, and Tam Sum struck the defendant on her left thumb with a chopper. Her husband came in and ordered her out of the kitchen.

She later went back to the kitchen, picked up her chopper and threw it at Tam Sum, striking her on the head. The latter picked up her own chopper and came at her. She managed to seize the weapon and throw it back at her striking the complainant on the right wrist.

Tam Sum came back at her with two forks and struggled with her. Her husband was present but the two forks ran out of the house. At this stage the Police came and all of them went to the station.

Hearing is adjourned to March 25 and 26.

HEAVY FINE FOR DRIVER

On the night of February 27, Jackson Wong, aged 19, a student, was driving his father's car along Des Voeux Road Central, when near Lee House Street he was stopped by a constable as he had no front lights.

Wong had no licence with him but he told the constable he had one. He was accompanied by the constable to his home, where he produced a learner's licence which had already expired.

At the time when Wong was stopped he had four passengers with him. In imposing a fine of \$300, Mr. Alderman said, that too much of this had been going on.

Wong was also suspended from driving for three months.

KEPT BROTHEL

"You ought to be ashamed of yourself, being a man and living on the earnings of prostitutes," remarked Mr. F. K. Alderman at Central yesterday, when he sentenced Liu Kwong, aged 28, to three months for being the keeper of a brothel at an unnumbered hut in Tai Wong Street on February 20.

A sum of \$37.00 cents found on defendant was ordered to be given to the Poor Box.

For keeping a brothel in an unnumbered hut in Stone Nullah Lane on February 27, Siun Fong, a woman aged 46, was given three months.

Legislation For Rabies Control

Legislation to give effect to proposals for the control of rabies in Hong Kong is being prepared; it was officially stated yesterday.

The proposals—one of which is compulsory inoculation of all dogs in the Colony—were made by a special Committee appointed by the Governor to consider control measures to be adopted against rabies.

An official statement yesterday said that the Committee's recommendations, and the measures, financial and otherwise, necessary to implement the recommendations are now being considered in detail.

It is hoped that all arrangements will have been made to begin the compulsory inoculation of dogs against rabies in Hong Kong by the end of the month.

AIRPORT SEIZURE OF 60 GOLD BARS

As defendant did not come to Hong Kong on her own volition it would be monstrous and scandalous if she should be deprived of the gold, which represented her whole worldly possessions, submitted Mr. D. A. L. Wright before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday. Mr. Wright, instructed by Mr. P. A. L. Vine, was submitting that 60 bars of gold, valued at approximately \$90,000, found on Wu Sau-ying, 26-year-old spinster by Woman Revenue Officer Wong Yat on February 12, should not be confiscated.

According to the prosecution, conducted by Revenue Inspector W. G. Humphreys, defendant was a well-known figure at Kai Tak as she had been seen by revenue officers on a few occasions.

She arrived by CATC plane and went to the revenue barrier. The plane was refueling and all passengers had to leave the aircraft.

At the barrier, she was asked by WRO Wong whether she had anything to declare, but made no reply. When the searcher asked whether she had any gold, defendant replied in the negative. She was then asked to go into the ladies' room and there searched.

According to WRO Wong, when defendant was searched a hard object was felt around her waist. She was asked to take it out. She took off what Mr. Humphreys described as the usual type of jacket worn by gold traffickers.

In the specially constructed pockets were found 58 bars of gold. The accused then produced two bars from her handbag.

The fact that defendant held a through ticket from Canton to Shanghai had no bearing on the case, submitted Mr. Humphreys who went on to quote from all governing ordinance and regulations, and the definition of import.

Seen Before

Giving evidence in support, WRO Wong said that she had been posted at Kai Tak for the past three months, during which period she had seen defendant arriving at, and departing from, the airport by plane five or six times.

When accused saw her, witness said, she made an attempt to mix with the male passengers in order, witness thought, to avoid being searched.

In reply to Mr. Wright, witness said that the reason defendant wanted to dodge her was because she had searched accused on all the previous occasions. She admitted that in none of those searches had anything been found on Wu.

Witness denied that she might have mistaken Wu for some one else, even though defendant might testify that she had only been in the City once before.

It was not accused who first mentioned the gold, said witness in reply to another question. Wu only brought the gold out after she had been searched and told to do so by witness. That also applied to the two bars in the handbag, although the bag was not searched.

Witness said that what she took for suspicious behaviour could not possibly have been anxiety and perturbation.

She asked defendant in Cantonese whether she had anything to declare and again whether she had any gold. Accused seemed to understand the questions, even though she claimed that she did not speak Cantonese, said witness.

Defendant's Story

In evidence, Wu said that she had lived in Shanghai since she was born, and had only left the Northern part once, about two years ago, on a three-week trip to Hong Kong.

She left Shanghai about three or four weeks ago for Canton, with the gold. She brought the gold, which was given to her by her mother, for living expenses.

Her father, who was formerly a defendant with the Police department, died more than three years ago, and the gold was purchased from money realised on his estate.

About half a month ago, she decided to go back to Shanghai as conditions had greatly improved. She purchased a through ticket on a CATC plane on February 9, and boarded the aircraft on February 12, thinking that it would adhere to its original schedule of direct flight to Shanghai.

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Seven Ships At Wharves

In the cluster of ocean-going vessels at Kowloon Wharf yesterday four nations were represented and three ships were making their local debut.

Three of them, including the Dutch freighter Rijnsburg, and the British steamers, and Somali, berthed alongside the wharf after being delayed by fog for five days.

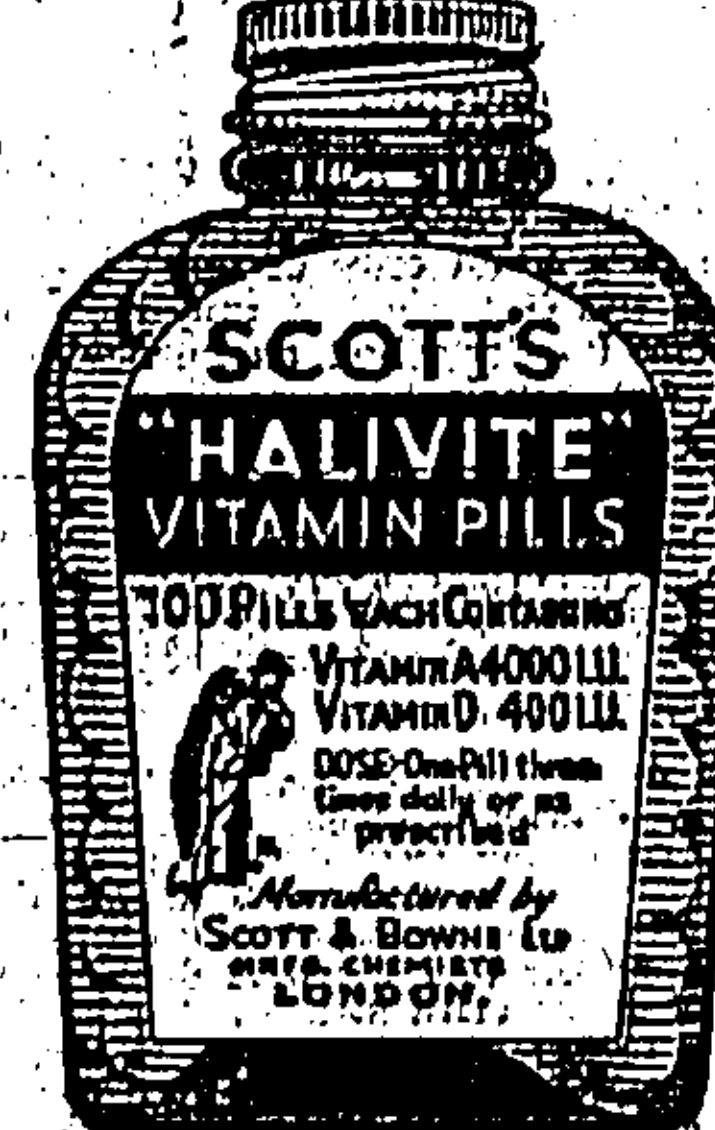
Among them the seven ships brought more than 10,000 tons of cargo of which 9,000 tons were discharged here.

There were only about 1,700 passengers arriving, the majority were carried by the Samala which left yesterday with more than 1,600 persons for Swatow and Japan.

The ships included the President Tyler, Belleville, Benlawors, and Bendoran.

The Russian tramp freighter Azov arrived here for the first time yesterday with a lady passenger from Chosen.

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FUNERALS

Crash Victims

The funeral of Arthur Campbell, Francis Moore and Captain Paul, victims of the air crash last Thursday, was held yesterday.

Mr. Campbell and Mr. Moore were buried at the Colonial Cemetery while the remains of Captain Paul, after a funeral service, were cremated.

S/Lt. Rev. R.C.H. Swain, I.A.F., Kai Tak, officiated and Mrs. Paul was the chief mourner.

Others present were Messrs. C. Carlton, K. Dora, I. Miguel, R.H. Lobo, W. Doyle, J. Collins, S.

Max, L. Costa, W. James, A. Stewart, R. Sequeira, S/Lt. P.M. Gall, F.H. P. Penwell, Captain Egan, Mrs. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie, Mr. and Mrs. C. Bather and others.

Floral tributes were sent by Standard-Vacuum Oil Company, Flying Hostesses, CPA and MATCO, Butterfield & Swire, Macao Air Transport, Hong Kong Air Transport, Mr. and Mrs. Cummings, Miss Terry Marques, Irene and Kew and Phil and Burt.

R. K. Laing

Mr. Robert Kenneth Laing, aged 73, who died on Sunday, was buried yesterday at the Colonial Cemetery. The Rev. George Shee officiated at the graveside.

Mr. Laing is survived by two sons, Dr. Douglas Laing and Mr. Cyril Laing and three daughters, Mrs. Iron Bux, Mrs. Abbas and Mrs. Maycock and many grandchildren.

The chief mourners were the sons, daughters and grandchildren while others present were Messrs. W.A. Shen, Eric Wong, B.C. Randall, J.F. Grose, W.C. Hung, D. Hung, F. Lopes, D.F. Lopes, R. Matland, Choy Wai-chai, Major and Mrs. S.M. Chua and many others.

Deaths were sent by Douglas and family, Doris, Robert and family, Rufus and Begum, Gertie, Bertha and Aziz, Ato and Minnie, Mr. and Mrs. Chou, Mr. Wei Wing-po, Dr. T.C. Wong and others.

ANTI-TB ASSOCIATION

The Hong Kong Anti-Tuberculosis Association held its annual meeting yesterday at the YWCA, Duddell Street.

Fifteen members of the Board of Directors of the Association were re-elected.

They are Dr. I. Newton, President; Dr. S.N. Chou, Assistant President; Dr. L. Strellet, Honorary legal adviser; Miss Ruby Mow, Dr. S.J. Chen, Dr. T.B. Wu, Dr. Li Shu-fan, Dr. D. Benson, Mr. J.C. Macdonell, Miss M.S. Watson, Major H.F.G. Chauvin, Dr. T.J. Hun, Dr. F.I. Tseng, Mr. Lee Lu-cheng and Mr. D. Hut-tonjee.

CHILDREN LINE UP FOR TICKETS

Crowds of school children picked up the bus terminus at the Kowloon ferry wharf yesterday.

The youngsters, dressed in school uniforms, lined up in several queues which extended from the terminus to Canton Road.

The children were waiting to buy monthly school bus tickets, issued for the first time since the war by the Kowloon Motor Bus Company.

HK Products To Be On Display

Hong Kong's products will be displayed to the world this year at the British Industries Fair in the United Kingdom and in Canada at the Canadian International Trade Fair, 1949.

About 100 cases of samples of local products will be shipped on March 14 to the United Kingdom by the ss. Corfu, the "China Mail" was officially informed yesterday.

Hong Kong's exhibits at this year's BIF will include more varieties than last year. Total amount will be three times that displayed in 1948.

A representative group of 34 Hong Kong manufacturers, including Mr. T. Tai-chow and Mr. Yip Fing-chung, will leave by a

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Ferry traffic during 1948 was three times that of 1941. More than 108,000 harbour crossings were made and more than 28,175,000 passengers carried.

This was revealed at the 47th annual general meeting of The Star Ferry Co., Ltd., held in the board room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., yesterday.

The Hon. Mr. D. F. Landale, who presided, told shareholders that the conditions under which the Company operated were still uncertain, as the Hong Kong Government had not yet made known the conditions under which the pier leases would be renewed, on the expiry on December 31.

Addressing the shareholders Mr. Landale said: "You will note from the Report that 28,175,000 passengers were carried in our ferries during the year 1948; this is an increase of 2,000,000 on the number carried in 1947, and represents in total nearly three times the pre-war figure."

"The introduction of the rebuilt 'Gold Star' in January brought our fleet up to one short of the pre-war figure, but we were able to introduce and maintain throughout the year our pre-war service. In fact, many occasions of particularly heavy traffic, the five minute service was extended considerably beyond the hours of the pre-war schedule. Our fleet has been taxed to the utmost in maintaining this service, and I consider the successful accomplishment of over 100,000 harbour crossings reflects great credit on the Coxswains and Crews of our launches."

Delays Have Occurred

"The heavy which expressed last year that the rehabilitation of our 'Electric Star' would be completed by the end of the year did not materialise; delays, not unexpected in these days, have occurred in delivery of the machinery from Home, and the earliest date on which we can hope to have this vessel in service is now June of this year."

"New engines for the further additional vessel to which I referred last year will, we hope, also be shipped within the next few months, but completion of plans for this vessel, which will be of new construction, are naturally contingent on plans for reconstruction of the Ferry Piers."

"These Piers, designed and built in the days when average passenger traffic was 20,000 per day, are hopelessly inadequate for the present traffic, which now averages nearly 90,000 per day, and no-one realises this more than your Directors."

"The position with regard to the issue of new leases for our piers is substantially unaltered since I spoke to you last year. As I then told you, in July 1947 we were informed by Government that new leases would be issued, but that terms and conditions thereof could not be decided until Sir Patrick Abercrombie's Recommendations on Town Planning had been received."

"As late as August 28, 1948, Government regretted that they were still not in a position to communicate the required information, and that is still the position to-day, despite the fact that the present leases expire at the end of this year."

"The necessary maintenance of the present outmoded piers, to keep them in a safe and fit condition for the heavy traffic using

them, is a very heavy item, and as your Directors have considered it incumbent upon them to take all steps within their power to meet the heavy demands of the public, we are committed to heavy expenditure in respect of the two additional launches to which I have already referred."

"It is obvious, however, that no responsible body of Directors can commit their Shareholders to expenditure, which must necessarily be heavy, on building new piers so long as, as the future operation of the Company remains shrouded in uncertainty. In fact it is impossible even to finalise our designs for new piers until Government divulges the information for which we have asked."

"The continued delay in this matter is most regrettable, and little can be done to improve travel facilities in our service until a decision on this vital question is obtained."

"Turning to the Accounts, you will note that the Balance from Working Account shows a substantial increase over the year 1947; this of course is directly attributable to the increased traffic. It is axiomatic that in any organisation supplying goods or services to the public at reasonable rates the financial return must increase in ratio to the turnover and number of customers."

"Paying passengers still travel at the rates introduced in 1946, i.e., 20 cents per trip for 1st Class passengers and 10 cents for 3rd Class, while our monthly ticket holders still travel at the pre-war rate for single tickets. I repeat my observation of last year, that this compares favourably with the cost of similar travel anywhere else in the World, and the fact that these rates must be considered reasonable is further evidenced by the following facts:

Seven Times Higher

"The cost of maintaining our present service, which is similar to that obtaining pre-war, is seven times what it was then. Our total gross revenue is only five times pre-war, although the number of passengers carried is three times the 1941 figure."

"The conditions are such that if conditions were to return to normal and traffic drop to any marked extent we should be unable to operate on the existing rates. The good results of operating to-day are therefore entirely due to the abnormal traffic handled, and certainly cannot be attributed to unwarranted increases in fares."

"The net profit for the year was \$1,600,116.80, which after adding the unappropriated profits brought forward from 1947 gives the sum of \$1,649,004.30 available for distribution; your directors' recommendations as to allocation of this sum are embodied in the Accounts."

"Turning to the Balance Sheet, you will note that the transfer in Profit and Loss Appropriation Account of \$750,000, brings Reconstruction Reserve up to \$1,500,000. Shareholders will appreciate that this provision is absolutely essential for the reconstruction and development of our service so soon as we are in a position to carry out our plans."

No Compensation

"With regard to the second of the two notes appearing on the Balance Sheet, shareholders will doubtless remember that on April 28, 1948, it was official stated that no compensation from public funds would be paid for war damage. The possibility of securing payment of this claim from reparations is remote, and your Board feel the decision as to how this Account should be adjusted in our books is contingent on the future of the Company; we hope during the course of this year that this will be decided."

Mr. H. Owen Hughes, seconding the chairman's motion for the adoption of the report and accounts, said:

"The figure of over 28,000,000 passengers carried by our ferries during the year under review is imposing and, I feel, should make us realise the important and responsible part we play in the Colony's transport services."

"Government must surely also appreciate the responsibility of our position, and I think it is therefore 'deplorable' that they have still not given us their answers on the terms of our new leases. The Abercrombie report has surely been in their hands long enough to enable them to arrive at a decision, without which we cannot even plan the necessary improvements, and the lack of planning facilities which the traffic we now carry demands."

"The report and accounts were unanimously approved."

"The appointment of Mr. Horace Kanorio to the Board in place of Mr. Lawrence Kadorie, who resigned in July last, was affirmed."

"Mr. T.B. Wilson and Mr. H.D. Denham, the retiring directors, were re-elected, and Messrs. P.H. Marwick, Mitchell & Co.



Morrison Hill, one of the Colonys eyesores, which, it is reported, will take two to three years to clear. ("China Mail" photo).

Personalia

Mr. A.J.E. Luff will leave the Colony by ss. Ilcoph on Friday to take up the post of Registrar to the Shanghai British School. Mr. Luff arrived in the Colony as a Captain in the Royal Army Educational Corps, and soon took a keen interest in the cultural life of the Colony.

On the departure of Major A. E. Opie, Mr. Luff took over the position of Secretary to the Sino-British Club, a post he relinquished at the last General Meeting, which coincided with Mr. Luff's return to civilian life.

By profession, Mr. John Luff is an educationist and was a lecturer in Social Science at the Army College before coming to Hong Kong. He was also a member of the Advisory Council for Adult Education.

Since his arrival here, he has lectured to most of the cultural organisations and has given three series of talks from Radio Hong Kong. He has written two plays which were broadcast from the same station.

Since he left the Army, Mr. Luff has been a master at Royston House School where he said yesterday, the keenness of the student, the friendly atmosphere of the school and the good relations existing between students and staff is making one of the biggest contributions to Sino-British relations.

Mrs. Luff, who arrived on the ss. Carthage, will accompany her husband to Shanghai.

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel during the week-end included Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Middleton, Mrs. D. G. Old, Messrs. P. Skerlland, A. Ponve, C. J. Cooke, D. T. Metzger, R. G. Hecce, J. L. Lampl, Miss Lily Woon, Captain and Mrs. E. B. McNeill, Mrs. C. Haines, Messrs. K. Benjamin, Leo Hong, R. R. Cobi, J. Yuen, and K. C. Lee.

Among the new week-end arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel were Mrs. M. C. W. Blanks, Mrs. J. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. L. Richard, Messrs. J. Percival, Arne Hartmark, Edwin Nelson, S. C. Ming, S. P. Hau, J. R. Long, E. R. Eastman, B. Smith, D. G. Price, E. P. Waring, W. Kirkwood, and John Yuen.

Miss Eva E.H. Chen, Miss Suzanne Y.C. Chen, M. Grosjean and Mr. and Mrs. Cochran left Hong Kong for Saigon yesterday by Air France.

Miss M.J. Gibson left Hong Kong for Rangoon by the ss. Hai Lee yesterday.

The forthcoming wedding of Domingo Mariano, 73, Wanchai Street, 1st floor, and Miss Cheung Ip-dor (of the same address), was announced at the Registrar's Office yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Rahman, Miss S. A. Rahman, Miss Z. A. Rahman, Messrs. J. Kang Ik-hai, Kim Jan-yup, and Sir Ching-hyun arrived in the Colony from Korea yesterday by the ss. Hanyang.

MENACES CHARGE

Hearing of the case in which an RASC driver, Cheng Chun-cheung, and an RASC fireman, Hui Cheung, are charged with demanding \$500 with menaces from a woman, Wong Choh-fung, continued yesterday before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central.

Hui Cheung, in evidence, denied asking complainant to raise \$500, or threatening that he would stab her to death if she did not do so.

Hearing will continue on March 22 and 23.

The Treasurer of the Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association acknowledged with thanks the gift of \$1,000 from the Bank of East Asia, Limited, and \$1,000 from Mr. Jack Sangster.

Mr. and Mrs. Landale in the chair were Messrs. H.D. Benham, N.O.C. Marsh, H. Kadorie and T.B. Wilson (Directors), and Mr. C.E. Terry (Manager).

Shareholders present were Messrs. H. Owen Hughes, C.W. Way, A.N. Mackenzie, E. Grant Smith, E.B. Abraham, R.H. Jones, J. Moodie, W. Hyde, C.N. Kong, A.R. Ellis, and J. P. Fattin.

Several Years To Remove Eyesore

Morrison Hill—one of the eyesores of the Colony—will take two to three years more to be cleared for the further development of Hong Kong, it was unofficially estimated yesterday. Officially, no estimate of the time when the hill is expected to be completely removed was available yesterday from Government sources.

Work on removal of the hill started in 1918 when all soft material was used for the formation of what was then called the Praya East Reclamation—a considerable portion of the present Wanchai District.

A Buddhist Temple originally occupied the top of Morrison Hill. It was moved elsewhere several years before the outbreak of the Pacific War.

It was first believed that Morrison Hill was mainly decomposed rock and easily removed. Later work was found.

Stone For Building

Quarrying for stone started early in 1947. Since then between 85,000 and 90,000 tons of stone have been quarried principally for Government buildings and road construction. None has been exported, the "China Mail" was officially informed yesterday.

The quarry is at present being worked by contract on which about 340 men are employed in two eight-hour shifts daily. A Government spokesman said that Morrison Hill will continue to be used as a quarry for stone as long as suitable stone is available. Some of the stone has recently been found to be of inferior quality.

The spokesman added that the proportion of good and bad stone can only be determined as quarrying proceeds, and that the time of removal of the whole hill will depend on the proportions of each quality.

He said that as it is not known exactly when the hill will be wholly removed, no definite plans have yet been made for the future use of the land which will become available.

Its use will depend on the circumstances prevailing at the time the site has been cleared, said the spokesman.

The "China Mail" learned from other sources that one of the plans which Government has under consideration is the construction of a road linking Wanchai Road, Queen's Road East and Wanchai Road.

Reminders

Today

TOMORROW
Bridge Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

Urban Council meeting, GPO building, 4.15 p.m.

HK Rotary Club luncheon, Talk on "A Film Show" by Mr. H. C. Fung, 12.30 p.m.

St. David's Day Dinner, by St. David's Society of HK, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

Wreath laying ceremony, by St. David's Society, at Cenotaph, 8.30 a.m.

Casting meeting for "Twelfth Night", HK Sing Club, at "China Film Club Theatre."

HK Light Orchestra rehearsal, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 6.45 p.m.

Coming Events

Tue. H. Club meeting, Talbot House, 60, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

HK Council of Social Services, talk on "Recent Development in Industrial Welfare" by Mrs. M. Allison and Mr. E.C. Brown, PRO Lecture room, 8.30 p.m.

HK Automobile Association, annual general meeting, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Kowloon Chess Club extraordinary general meeting, Peninsula Hotel, 6.30 p.m.

Y's Men Club Dinner for new officials, Chinese Bankers Club, Bank of East Bldg., 7.30 p.m.

RAF Association luncheon, Jacobson Room, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

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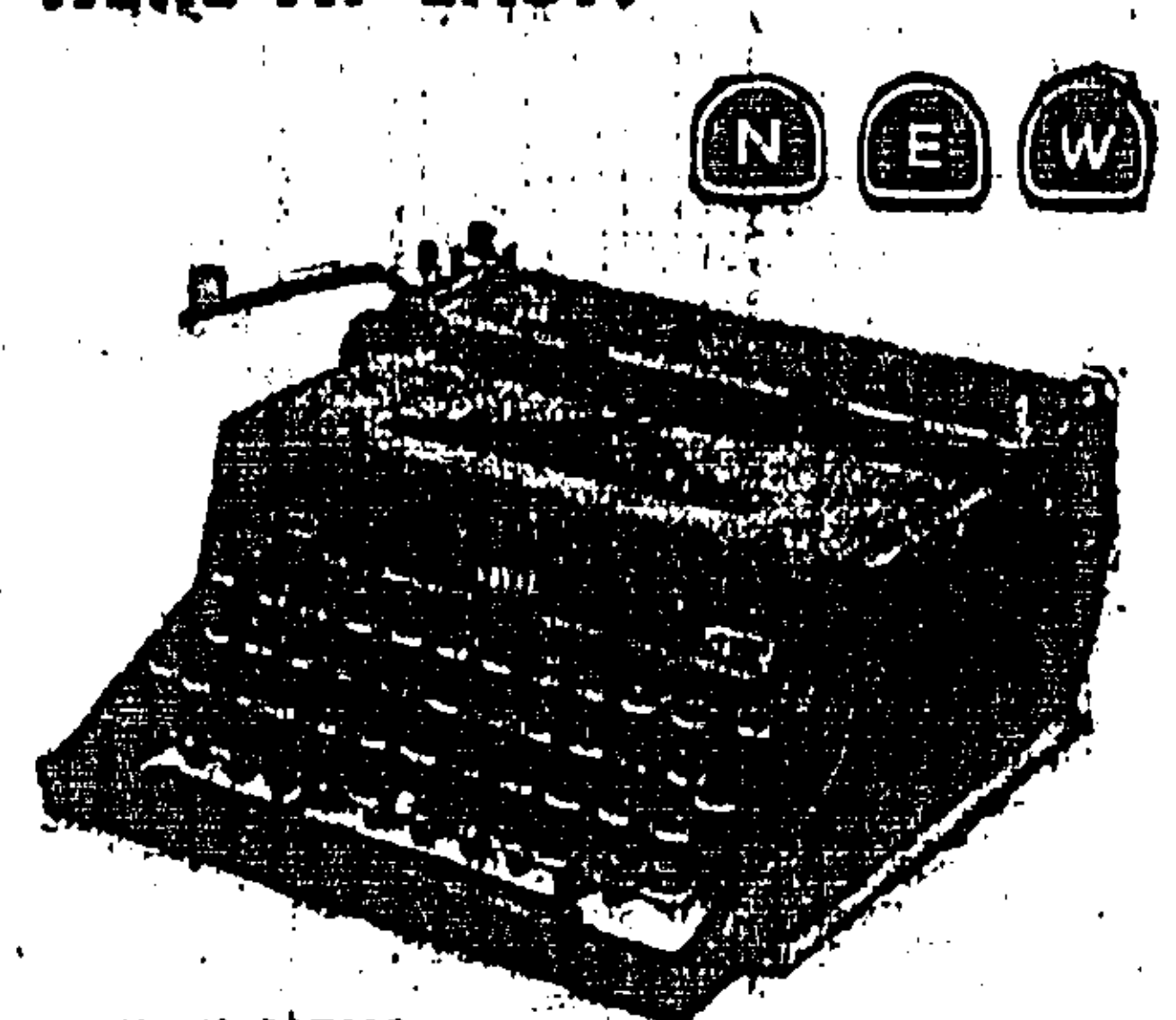
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And, NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the Register of Members of the Company will be closed from the 8th to the 22nd day of March, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

W. H. PATERSON,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, Feb. 22, 1949.

HONG KONG STAGE CLUB

A second casting meeting for "Twelfth Night" to fill several of the more important roles will be held on Tuesday, March 1 at 8 p.m. in the China Fleet Club. All who are interested and new members especially are invited to attend and read.

All persons of Irish Association not yet members are cordially invited to join the Society. Membership application forms may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary.

Doris G. Sheriff

Hon. Secretary.

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NOTICE

We have pleasure in announcing that Mr. F. S. Li, A.C.A., has been appointed Manager of the Chinese Audit Department of this firm as from 1st March 1949.

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ALLEGED FORGERY: DEFENCE OPENS

The defence opened in the case against S. J. Macleim before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday.

Macleim was charged with having on February 7, 1948, forged a Bill of Lading purporting to be

Men Were In Hot Water

"I have never seen a case like this before," commented Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday when Lok Yiu and Chan Chiu-wah were charged with taking hot water from a public bathroom.

Sub-Inspector J. H. Evans, who added that on February 28 defendants were arrested by Health Department Foreman Tang Koi-fai as they were leaving the public bath-house at Dyer Avenue, Hung Hom, carrying some hot water.

SI Evans went on to explain that these baths were for people going in for their ablutions, and that the hot water supplied was not supposed to be taken out of the place.

Defendants, both living in an unnumbered hut at Tai Wan Road, Hung Hom, were fined \$10 each.

PRICE CONTROL OFFENCES

Summoned before Mr. A.F.B. Silva-Netto and Mr. W.F. Simmonds at Central yesterday for breach of price control regulations, Cheng On Chi Medicine Company, 74, Wing Lok Street, was fined \$1,100.

Fines ranging from \$25 to \$350 were imposed on the Yee Kee, side door of 9A Cross Street, Wah Tung, 134 Malacca Street; On King, 56 Des Voeux Road West; Asie Medicine Supply, 333 Queen's Road Central; Fu Loong, 58 Johnston Road; Wing Fat, 398 Queen's Road West; Wo Ping, 53 Chuen Yung Street; Tung Hing Hong and Wing Sang Shrimp Oyster Oil Company, 300 Queen's Road Central; King Woe Tong, 18 Matheson Street; Tung Yick Sun-dry Store, 233 Queen's Road Central; Lee Yuen Company, 411 Hennessy Road; Chung Pak Stall, 97 Connaught Road Central; and Hung Kee, 91 Belcher's Street for similar offences.

Mr. J.H.G. Pitman of the S.T. and I. prosecuted.

And, NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the Register of Members of the Company will be closed from the 8th to the 22nd day of March, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

W. H. PATERSON,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, Feb. 22, 1949.

NOTICE

We have pleasure in announcing that Mr. F. S. Li, A.C.A., has been appointed Manager of the Chinese Audit Department of this firm as from 1st March 1949.

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Notice is hereby given that Mr. R. Burgoyne has resigned from Messrs. Reuben Import Export Co., Ltd. with effect as from 1st March, 1949.

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Bookstore Tenancy Case

Further evidence was heard by Mr. V. L. D'Alton, Tenancy Magistrate, in the Apollo Book Company eviction case yesterday.

Their eviction is sought by Anderson Meyer & Co., who sold that as pre-war tenants of 67B Des Voeux Road Central, they let the premises to Chan Kin-kung, trading as the Apollo Book Co., in June 1946 on a monthly tenancy.

Chan subsequently took in Pun Pak-lin as a partner, and in August 1947, without their knowledge or consent, sold out his share to Pun.

In his evidence yesterday Chan denied that he had admitted Pun as a partner. He only sold some of his share to Pun. In June 1948 he

look Wu Guang-yau in his partner, and in August 1947, sold out his share in the business to Wu. He did not tell Anderson Meyer & Co. of this transaction.

Pun Pak-lin, proprietor of the Kin On Firm, paper merchant, said that during the Japanese occupation he took Chan into his business. Upon the liberation he wanted to open a book shop, and Chan suggested opening up in 67B Des Voeux Road Central. Pun said Chan HK\$600 with instruction to rent the premises for him. He made Chan the manager, and invested a capital of HK\$10,000 in the business.

At this stage further hearing was adjourned to Saturday morning.

Anderson Meyer & Co. were represented by Mr. D.B. Evans, and the Apollo Book Co. by Mr. J.M. d'Almada Remedios.

Three Months For Assault

A Chinese man charged with assault in which he threw a chatty at a complainant, was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. A. D. Scholes at Kowloon yesterday.

The incident arose over an argument in an unnumbered hut at Canton Road on January 25. From the argument, a fight started and defendant picked up the chatty and broke it over the head of the complainant.

In passing sentence, the magistrate warned defendant that assault of this nature tends to bring serious consequence to the victim as well as the assailant. On an additional charge of breach of deportation order, defendant received six weeks. He is to be deported for five years.

YAUMATI CASE

Robbery of HK\$13 from a fish stall fook in the Yaumati Market on December 26 was recalled at the Criminal Sessions yesterday when Wan Fu, a fish stall-holder, and Ng Hin, hawk, were charged before the Chief Justice with robbery with violence.

Wan was found not guilty by the jury, but Ng was convicted on the lesser charge of larceny from the person, and sentence will be pronounced this morning.

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ESTABLISH IT EARLY. ESTABLISHING a low card or cards in a suit is sometimes possible if the work on it is begun at the earliest possible opportunity and impossible if it is postponed too long. A declarer, in a suit contract, should always consider any suit-setting-up play before drawing trumps, to see whether he may require one of the dummy's trumps as a re-entry. Simply going after trumps as a matter of habit is likely to leave him without a chance to do the other job effectively.

One declarer limited his loss to one down, which earned top on the deal. His opponents scored only 100 against him, whereas most East-West pairs made three-down in diamonds for 110. After winning the second diamond, he led to the spade J, the Q winning and the diamond 10 then being scored. When the club 7 came back, he won with the ace, the finesse of the Q and led a second spade, which the A won. The next club was his with the A and he now led to the heart K so he could bring back a third spade and ruff it, eliminating the K. The heart A and Q now were scored and the fourth spade led for discard of the club 4. West ruffed this with his heart 9, but South had the heart 8 for the finale.

Tomorrow's Problem

SK 5
HJ 10 9 4
DA Q J A 2
C 8 5

SQ 10 8
H K 2
DK 6 5
C 7 4

SA J 6
HQ 5 3
D 8 3
CK Q 10 6 3

(Dealer: East. Both sides vulnerable.)

How should East read West's lead of the club 7 against South's 3-No Trumps?

That identical bidding came at three tables of a duplicate game. The strong reverse bidding by East, who showed his spades at two after having called diamonds on his first turn, put West in position of enough knowledge to try a very thin business double on his hand. It paid out at two tables, where the contract was set two, but not at the other.

The entire difference depended on what South did immediately after the diamond 7 was led to the A and the Q came back to the A and the Q came back to the K. Two of the declarers de-

clared to draw trumps at once, raking in the K and Q before getting the bad news that East had a singleton and West four. Those Souths had no chance thereafter to keep from being set two tricks, though both tried hard by playing low on a club lead from East in their hope he held both missing honours.

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BURMESE PREMIER'S APPEAL FOR PEACE

PEARSON RIPOSTE TO TRUMAN

Washington, February 27. The commentator, Drew Pearson tonight invited President Truman to join him in the "s.o.b." ranks and give those rather ugly initials a new meaning—"Servants of Brotherhood."

President Truman said in his going to let "any s.o.b." tell him whom to have on his staff. He referred particularly to criticism of his military aide, Major General Harry Vaughan.

Pearson had criticised General Vaughan for accepting a medal from Argentina.

Accepting the President's barb as aimed at him, the commentator said in his weekly broadcast: "I am going to take those initials you used, Mr. President, and use them proudly in an entirely different way. I would like to suggest that in future we get away from the ugliness attached to those initials and let them mean Servants of Brotherhood."

He then proposed the formation of the "new militant crusading order of Servants of Brotherhood, to promote better understanding between our neighbours here at home and our friends abroad."—United Press.

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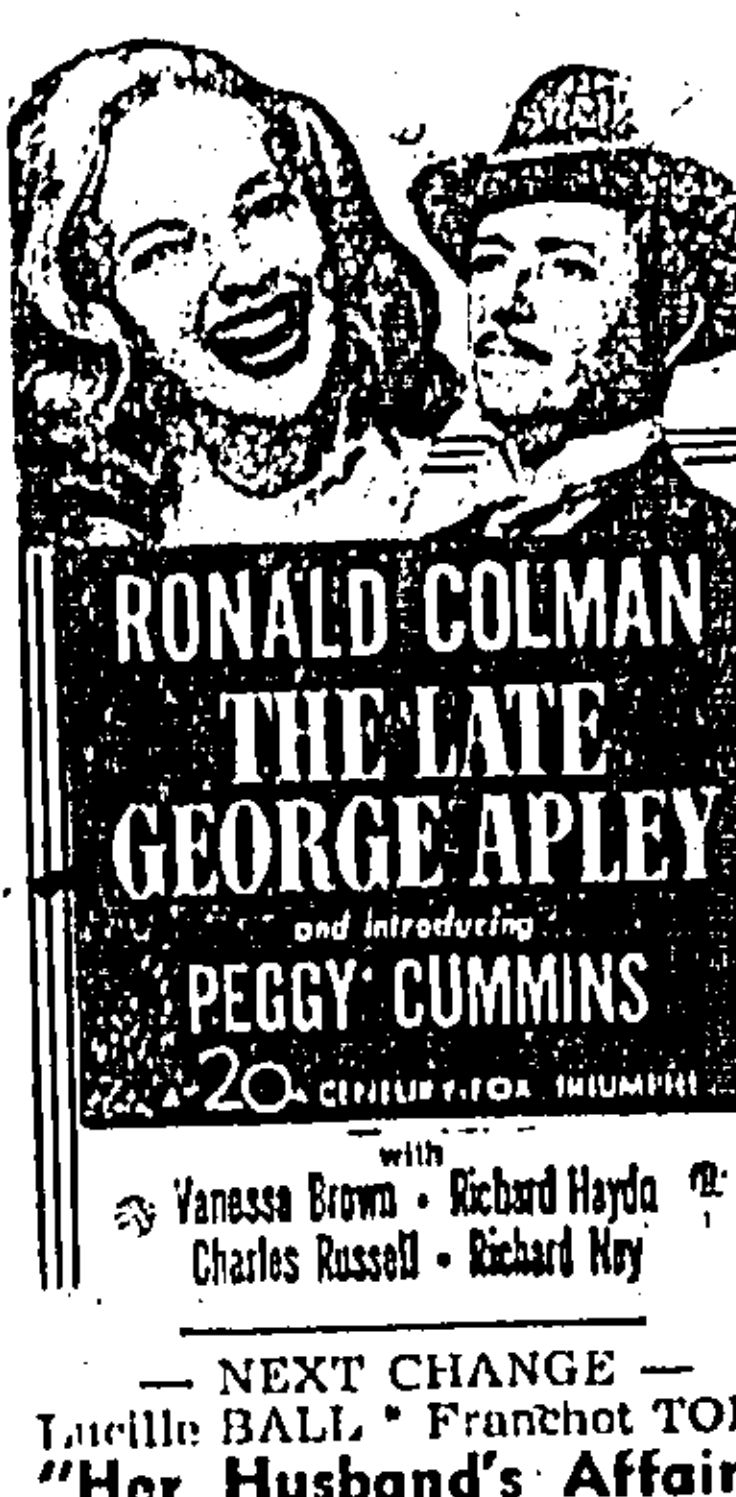
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Rangoon, February 27. Ten thousand people here today heard the Premier, Thakin Nu, appeal for the fullest support for the Government's efforts to restore law and order and thus enable elections to take place within the time specified by the constitution. He demanded an end to terrorism which has reduced the country to such poverty that financial aid from abroad has been necessary.

Thakin Nu said: "Conditions in Burma are such that we are hardly able to raise a loan. Lawlessness and terrorism have lowered us completely in world estimation and affected our credit."

The Premier was addressing a rally called by the Anti-Fascist People's Freedom League. Meanwhile a big battle is developing in central Burma.

The Premier declared that one year of rebellion in Burma had taken toll of 30,000 lives.

Paraguay to hold election. Buenos Aires, February 27. Senior Felipe Lopez, who today assumed the Provisional Presidency of Paraguay, announced that the Presidential elections are to be held on April 18, according to reports tonight from Asuncion.

It is reported that General Hahn, former Provisional President, was detained last night at some place unnamed. General Hahn, a member of the group which took over the Government at the end of January following a bloodless revolution against the regime of President Gaitan, was sworn in as Provisional President on January 31. Heuter.

PLANE EXPLODES IN MID-AIR

Paris, February 27. Six people, all the passengers and crew, were killed tonight when a tourist aeroplane exploded in mid-air on a flight from Nantes to Bordeaux, in South Western France. —Reuter.

RADIO

This is Radio Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second, and on 9.52 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band.

12.15 p.m.—Religious Talk to Children. (Studio)
12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.35 p.m.—"The Road" (Paris) and Dore Workman's Band. (HICTS)
1.00 p.m.—Jazz Orchest. (HICTS)
1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.25 p.m.—Interlude.
1.30 p.m.—London Palladium Orchestra.
2.00 p.m.—Class Down.
2.05 p.m.—Programme Summary.
2.10 p.m.—"Pats" Waller and His Orchestra.
2.15 p.m.—"Ethel Waters and Adelaide Hall."
2.20 p.m.—Cantonese by Radio given by Miss Lee Wei Lan and S. K. Lee. (Studio)
2.25 p.m.—Edith Gerand and Her Violoncello.
2.30 p.m.—World News and News Analysis. (London Relay)
2.35 p.m.—"See You" Talks on Sport. (Studio)
2.45 p.m.—Interlude.
2.50 p.m.—"The Gay Nineties" presented by Allen Woods. (Studio)
2.55 p.m.—"From the Editorials" (London Relay)
3.00 p.m.—Vocal Recital by Lila Vincent (Continued) with piano accompaniment by Betty Brown. (Studio)
3.05 p.m.—"Owen Glenowder" National Hero of Wales. A feature Prog. (HICTS)
3.10 p.m.—Interlude.
3.15 p.m.—"20 Questions" (Studio); Allen Dicker, John Colley and Douglas Gail. Question Master: Peter G. Gory. (Studio)
3.20 p.m.—"Village Band" A Welsh Feature by Robert Gwyn. (HICTS)
3.25 p.m.—Radio News Hour. (London Relay)
3.30 p.m.—Recital by Harry Ore (Piano) (Piano) Simon Ma (Violin) and (Miss) Lucy Ma (Piano). (Studio)
3.35 p.m.—Dance to Victor Silvester and His Orchestra.
3.40 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

Jilted Suitor Kills Sisters

Manila, February 28. Press reports from Borogon in South Eastern Luzon said today that an unsuccessful suitor, Napoleon Labayan, stabbed to death two sisters, Elizabeth and Ruth Mella, 19 and 17 respectively, and seriously wounded a third sister, Estrella, 18. The girls, who were high school students in Borogon, belong to a prominent family. Labayan, also a student, escaped. The Constabulary are on his trail.—United Press.

Most Costly Advert Ever

Chicago, February 27. At a cost of \$40,000, a Chicago firm has introduced a new household helper to the readers of the Chicago Tribune by inserting a page of the material in the newspaper.

The advertisement, which the Chicago Tribune says is the most expensive single advertisement ever to be printed in a newspaper, claims that the material will pick up dirt, grease and liquids with remarkable ease.

The cost of the advertisement included the cost of 40,000 square yards of the material upon which it was printed.

Readers were advised to try it out after rinsing the sheet in warm water and soap. After washing, the cloth is adourless and free from printing ink.—Associated Press.

SULTAN BACKS DUTCH PLAN FOR INDONESIA

Batavia, February 27. The Indonesian Federalist leader, Sultan Hamid II, tonight supported the Dutch proposal for a Hague conference aimed at transferring Dutch sovereignty in Indonesia to the United States of Indonesia. Hamid, in a radio address, said the proposed round table conference had the whole hearted approval of all Indonesian Federalists.

The statement is the first official Federalist reaction to Holland's proposal for a conference on March 12. Unofficial United Nations and Republican comments had been lukewarm toward the Dutch.

Mr. Peter Koets, head of Dr. Beel's Cabinet, today postponed his flight to Bangkok where he was due to meet President Soekarno and Premier Mohammed Hatta. Mr. Koets plans to make the round-table discussion at the Hague has been delivered to the Republican leaders.

Dr. Beel today met the United Nations' Commission. On Monday he plans to hold a press conference, his second since he took over in October. The only other time he has met the press was on December 10, the morning on which the Dutch military action opened against the Republic.—United Press and Associated Press.

FOOD PROBLEMS OF PAKISTAN

Calcutta, February 27. A United Nations' Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) mission headed by Nera Dudd has arrived at Dacca, capital of East Pakistan, and will discuss food problems with the Government.—Associated Press.

Koots' Trip

Dutch sources here believe that the Hague conference will last about six weeks.

Prague Tightens Up On Press

Prague, February 27. Severe restrictions on news pertaining to national defence have been placed on Czechoslovakia's already tightly-controlled press.

The added censorship is revealed in detailed directives issued to newsmen in a report on the progress of the Five-Year Plan. Earlier this month, newspapers were forbidden to handle any but official news from Government agencies and spokesmen on a variety of trials, including all those before the State Court. Even the official news agency, CTK, was told to stay away from the courtrooms, although the Ministry of Information said foreign correspondents could cover public trials if they wish. The directives contained in the report forbade the publication, even by word of mouth, of all or most statistical details on industrial branches important to the State's military potential. Prohibited branches include almost the entire metallurgical and mining industries, large sections of chemical industry, including the oil, petrol and synthetic petrol industries, most electric power and transport industries and even fields as boot and shoe manufacture. One paragraph said newspapers may publish foreign trade figures each month, but the forbidden to compare them with previous months or years.—United Press.

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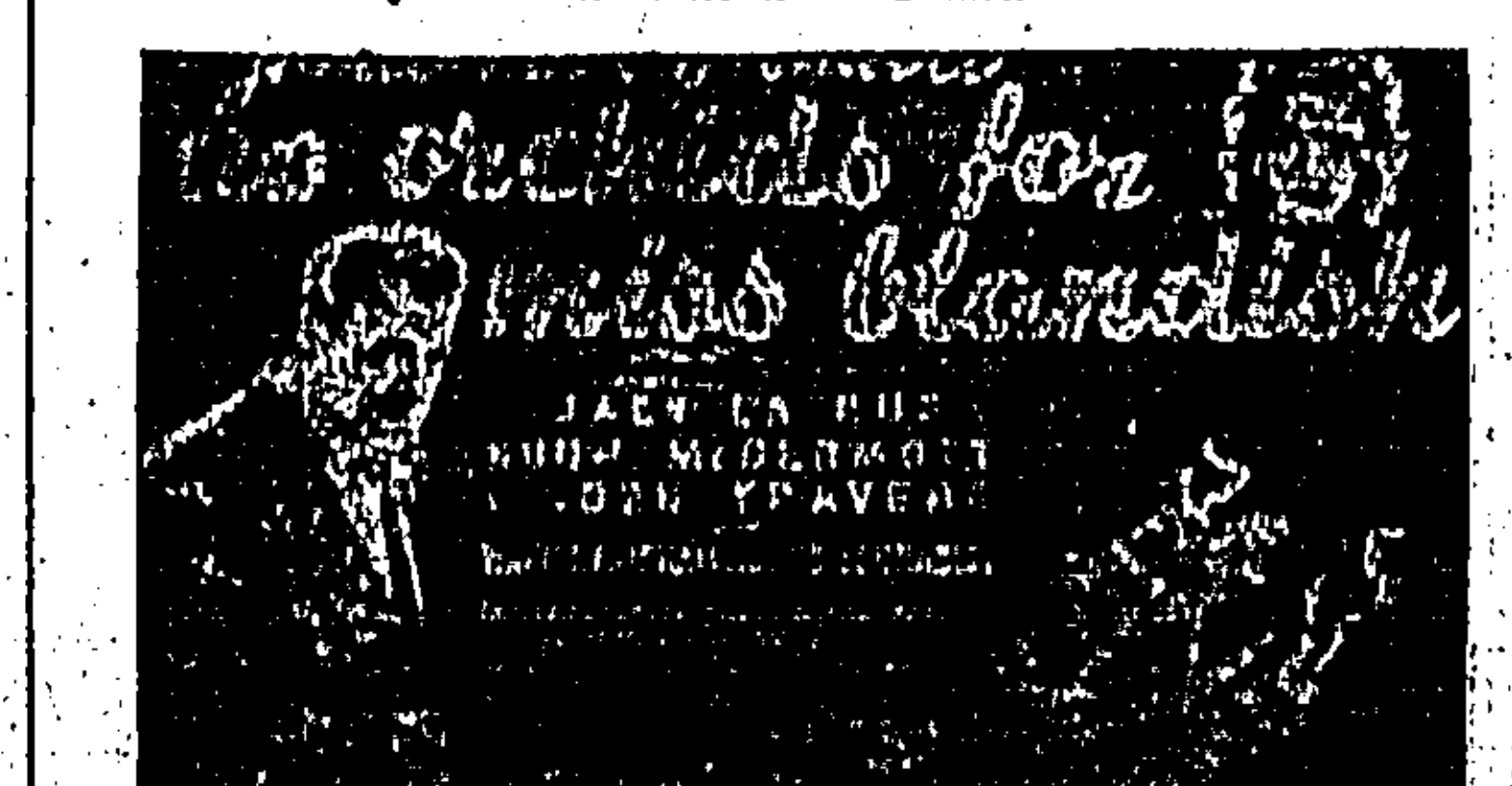


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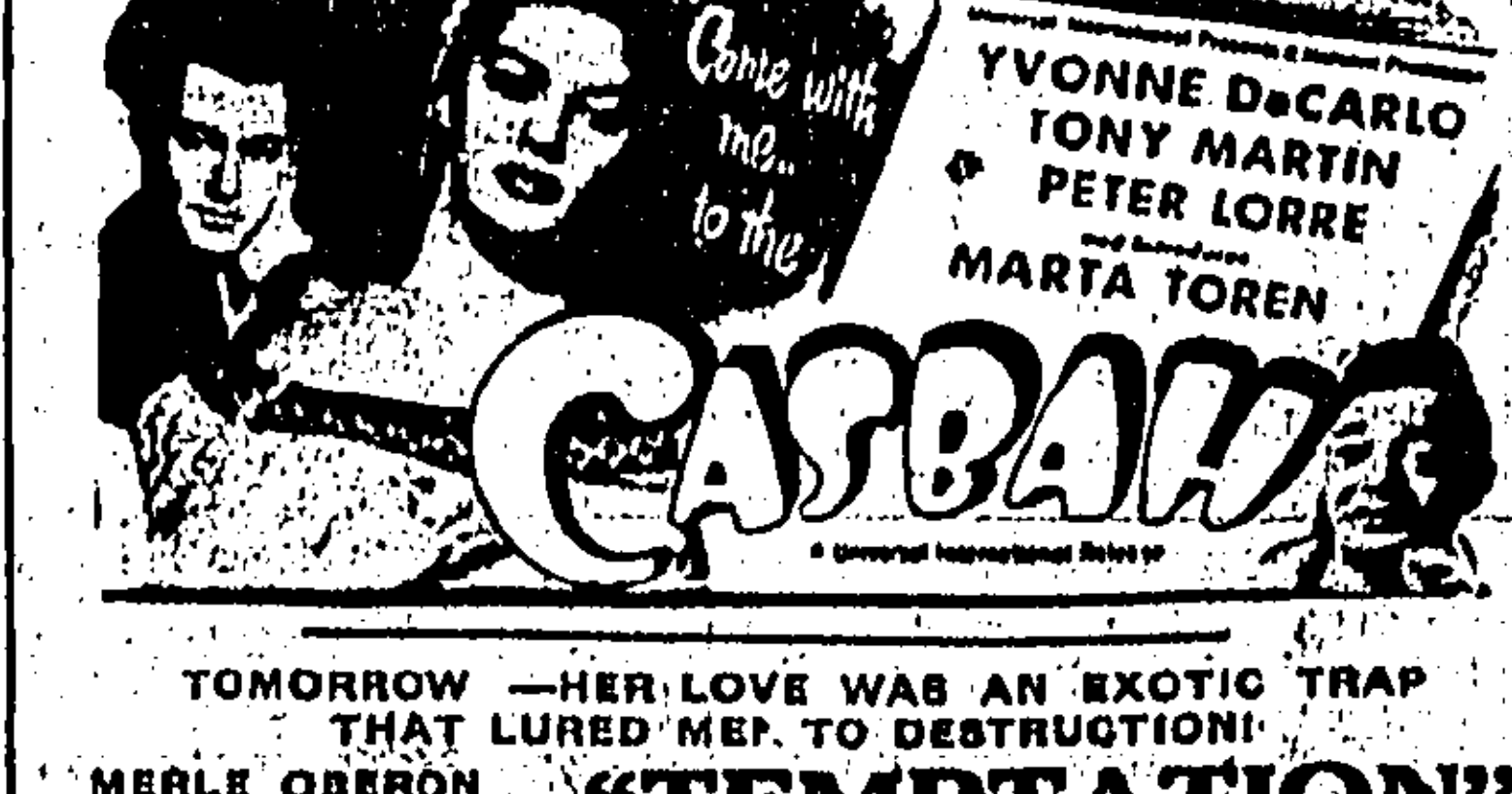
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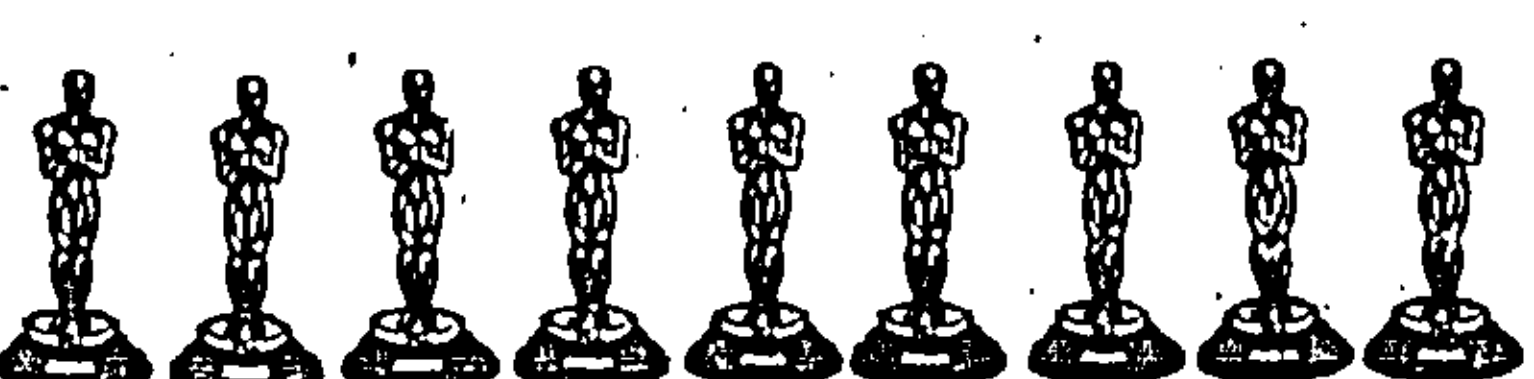
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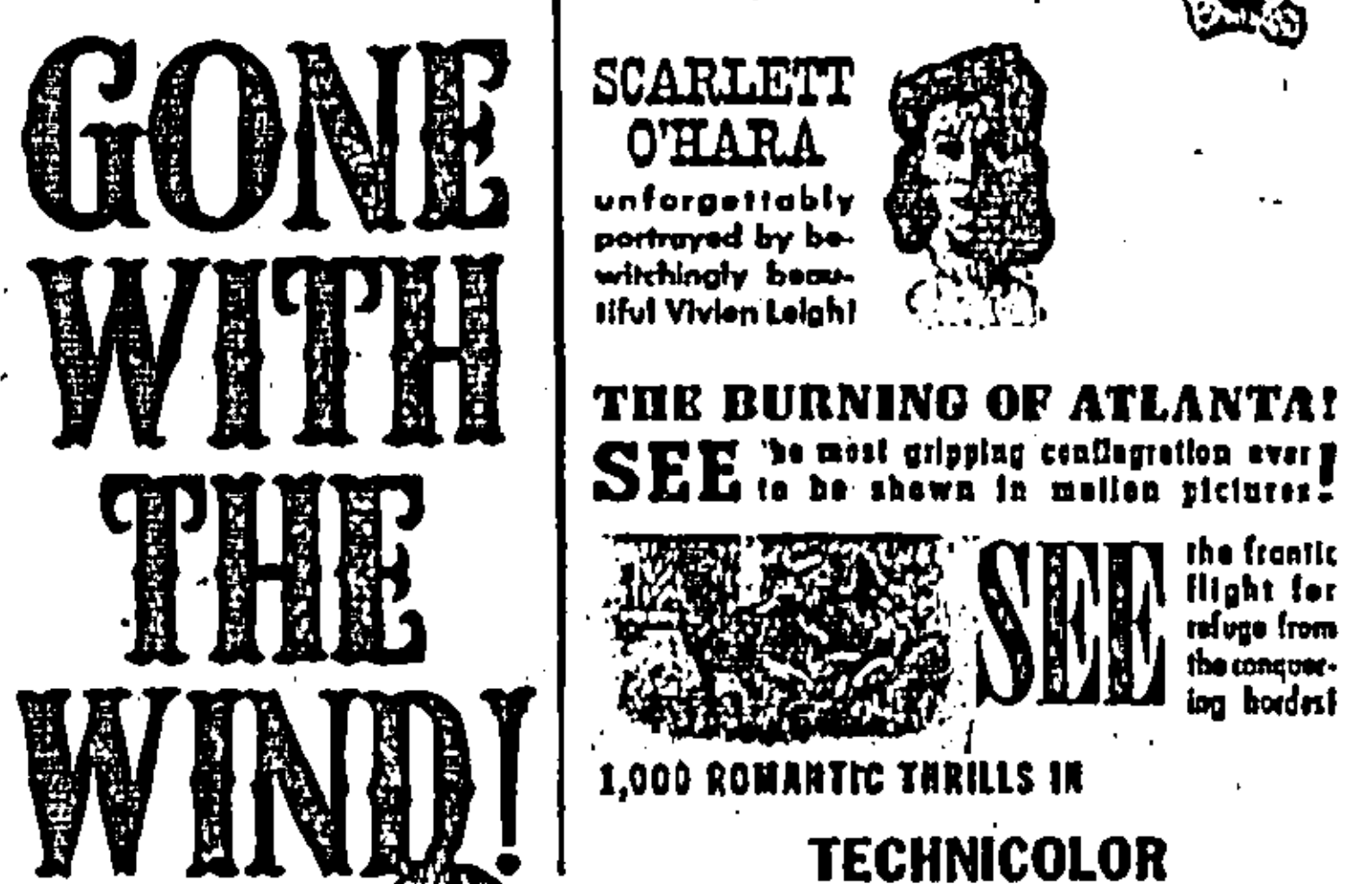
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WINSTON CHURCHILL'S WAR MEMOIRS: THE SECOND BOOK

THEIR FINEST HOUR

De Gaulle And France
By Winston Churchill

ON the morning of June 17 I mentioned to my colleagues in the Cabinet a telephone conversation which I had had with Gen. Spears, who said he did not think he could perform any useful service in the new structure at Bordeaux. He spoke with some anxiety about Gen. de Gaulle's appearance.

It has been said that as things were shaping it might be as well for de Gaulle to leave France. I readily assented to a good plan being made for this.

So the next day—the 18th—de Gaulle strolled out of his office in Bordeaux without even a dispatch-case, and went to the airfield to see his friend Spears off. They shook hands and said good-bye, and as the plane began to move, de Gaulle stepped in and slammed the door. The machine soared off into the air, while the French police and officials gaped. De Gaulle carried with him, in his small aeroplane, the honour of France.

That same evening he made his memorable broadcast to the French people. One passage should be quoted here: France is not alone. She has a vast Empire behind her. She can unite with the British Empire, which holds the seas, and is continuing the struggle. She can utilize to the full, as England is doing, the vast industrial resources of the United States.

Other Frenchmen who wished to fight on were not so fortunate. When the Petain Government was formed, the plan of going to Africa to set up a centre of power outside German control was still open. It was discussed at a meeting of the Petain Cabinet on June 18. The same evening President Lebrun, Petain and the Presidents of the Senate and the Chamber met together.

There seems to have been general agreement at least to send a representative body to North Africa. Even the Marshal was not hostile. He himself intended to stay, but saw no reason why Chautemps, Vice-President of the Council, should not go and act in his name. When rumours of an impending exodus ran round agitated Bordeaux, Weygand was hostile. Such a move, he thought, would wreck the "honourable" armistice negotiations.

Laval was deeply alarmed. He feared that the setting up of an effective resistance administration outside France would frustrate the policy on which he was resolved. Weygand and Laval set to work on the clusters of Deputies and Senators crowded into Bordeaux.

Laval as Minister of Marine, took a different view. To pack off all the principal critics of his conduct in a ship seemed at the moment to him a most convenient solution of many difficulties. Once aboard all those who went would be in his power, and there would be plenty of time for the Government to settle what to do. With the approval of the new Cabinet, he offered passages on the armed auxiliary cruiser Massilla to all political figures of influence who wished to go to Africa.

The ship was to sail from the mouth of the Gironde on the 20th. Many, however, who had planned to go to Africa, including Jeanneney and Herriot, suspected a trap, and preferred to travel overland through Spain. The final party, apart from refugees, consisted of 24 Deputies and one Senator, and included Mandel, Campinchi and Daladier, who had all been actively pressing for the move to Africa.

Anxious Hours
On the afternoon of the 21st the Massilla sailed. On the 23rd the ship's radio announced that the Petain Government had accepted the armistice with Germany. Campinchi immediately tried to persuade the captain to set his course for England, but this officer no doubt had his instructions, and met his former political chief of two days before with a bleak refusal. The unlucky band of patriots passed anxious hours till on the evening of June 24 the Massilla anchored at Casablanca.

Mandel now acted with his usual decision. He had with Daladier drafted a proclamation setting up a resistance administration in North Africa with himself as Premier. He went on shore, and after calling on the British Consul, established himself at the Hotel Excelsior. He then attempted to send his proclamation out through the Havas Agency. When General Nogues read the text he was disturbed. He intercepted the message, and it was telegraphed not to the world, but to Berlin and Petain.

case against him and set him free. He was, however, by the orders of Governor-General Nogues, re-arrested and put back on the Massilla, which henceforth was detained in the harbour under strict control without its passengers having any communication with the shore.

Without, of course, knowing any of the facts here set forth, I was already concerned about the fate of Frenchmen who wished to fight on.

Prime Minister to General Jemay, 24. vi. 40.

It seems most important to establish now before the trap closes an organisation for enabling French officers and soldiers, as well as important technicians, to escape to various ports. A sort of "underground railway" as in the olden days of slavery should be established and a Scarlet

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Lesson 26

Vocabulary:

142. (ts'o) dzoh
143. (lau) lau (or) lau'
144. (ts'ang) tsung
145. (tin) deen
146. (ts'in) tseen'
Conjunctive combination:
(2) Daan' hai.

Combinations:

1. Dzoh' ook'.
2. Ook' dzoh'.
3. Choo' dzoh'.
4. Yee lau'.
5. Gay' lau'.
6. Sch' dzee lau'.
7. Tut' tsung lau'.
8. Deen' jung'.
9. Deen wah'.
10. Dah' deen wah'.

Conversation:

A. Ngaw seung' dzoh' gaan'. I want to rent an office.
B. sch' dzee lau'. Is there an office to let?
A. Yau seh' dzee lau choh' dzoh' mah'?.
B. Aw! Nay seung' dzoh' seh' dzee lau meh'?.
A. Gaw' teoon gaay' yau yut' gaan'—hoh' hoh' geh'.

A. Hai' gay' lau' ah'?.
B. Hai' say' lau'.
A. Yau moh' deen wah' neh'?.
B. Yau deen wah'.

A. Gay' daw' tseen' dzoh' yut' gaw' yuet ah'?.
B. Yut' tseen' mun' dzoh' yut' gaw' yuet.
A. Daan' hai, yeeoo' seen' bay' saam' gaw' yuet dzoh' tung' look tseen' mun' 'cha tseen'.

A. Deem' gaay' ngaw yeeoo' bay' 'cha tseen' neh'?.
B. Nay, m bay', kui dzau m dzoh' bay' nay.

A. Ngaw m jung' yee bay', daan' hai, ngaw ting' yut' dah' deen wah' wah' nay jee' lah'.

B. Hoh', ngaw dung' nay geh' deen wah' lah'.

A. Nay geh' deen wah' gay' daw' hoh' ah'?

B. Saam' saam' ling tsut' say'.

Rent. To rent.
A floor. A story.
A layer.
Classifier for storeys.
Electricity.
Thousand.
But.

To rent a house.
House rent.
To let. To rent.
1st floor.
What floor?
An office.
One story. One flat.
An electric clock (or bell).
A telephone.
To telephone.

I could remind the House of my mark when I addressed it on the 18th, the morning of the Bordeaux collapse. I then gave "some indication of the solid practical grounds on which we based our inflexible resolve to continue the war."

I was able to assure Parliament that our professional advisers of the three Services were confident that there were good and reasonable hopes of ultimate victory.

More Sinister

I told them that I had received from all the four Dominion Prime Ministers messages in which they endorsed our decision to fight on and declared themselves ready to share our fortunes. I ended:

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MRS. MHALEFF extends her grateful thanks to all friends at the funeral, expressions of sympathy and floral tributes in her recent bereavement.

RADIO HONG KONG

In the air mail yesterday came a copy of Hansard detailing a passage between Captain David Gamman, who was recently in Hong Kong, and the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones. The travelling MP—

to judge from his public statements—seems to have seen little wrong with the Colony except varied aspects of its broadcasting system, but that, come to think of it, is a subject that really does need some examination.

Criticism can certainly be levied against the programmes, but in view of the highly limited budget at its disposal, the station can hardly be expected to import expensive stars, and does a very laudable job with records, relays, and frequent local features. But what Mr. Gamman was more concerned with was the coverage of the station, which is not heard in Canton or even in parts of the New Territories.

(Mr. Creech Jones said the matter was being examined.)

Mr. Gamman proceeded to ask if it was intended that Hong Kong's broadcasts would eventually be heard throughout South China, or was the government going to neglect the opportunity of getting in touch with a large number of people in China?

(Mr. Creech Jones said the matter was being examined.)

A question was asked about the more powerful broadcasting station in Malaya. (Mr. Creech Jones said the matter was being examined.)

Mr. Gamman then asked why Radio Hong Kong continues to be under the control of the Postmaster General instead of setting up a special radio department as in Malaya. (Mr. Creech Jones said the matter was being examined.)

Sometimes one wonders why questions are ever asked in the House, especially nowadays when Socialist ministers consider that any criticism is a personal affront. All too seldom is a single straight answer given. The present government at home, living far beyond its means on the dole from America, is probably aiming at a 10-hour week for TUC members, and 27/6d. in the £ income tax (instead of the present maximum of 19/6d.) for anyone earning more than the union wage. This may win them victory in the next general election, as it has in recent by-elections, but it is not a policy which will make Britain strong, or help to weld a strong new Commonwealth. Any matter which is not urgently important as a vote catcher seems to be beyond their ken, including the possibilities of the Empire, which they always accused the Tories of neglecting.

Even in the matter of a broadcasting station. No one wants their radio to be full of propaganda, but the dissemination of the British point of view (or the American or the Russian) can be of tremendous value. Good programmes in English, Cantonese and Mandarin could be transmitted from here as far as the Yangtze, and there would be no need to overlook Tokyo, Manila, Saigon, and Bangkok. Much could indeed be done. (Still, the matter is being examined.)



Looks as if the Premier's Sun might be setting.

Swedes in the Antarctic 50 years ago, says a cable. But now expeditions have to bring their own vegetables in this.

A correspondent says that in his opinion recent Russian pronouncements give grounds for hope. Or is this merely Vlahful Thinkinsky?

Dubarry was a lady. Her ways she would not mend. They were so very shady. It fixed her in the end.

According to news from London, just about every animal you can think of has been carried by BOAC plane. Regular BOAConstructor...

The trouble with some singers is that they don't always practise what they preach.

An American visitor in Hong Kong heard his baby son in San Francisco by trans-ocean telephone. A far cry.

An acquaintance of ours who lives so high up she can almost call it the Peak, received from England one of these white boxes containing a minute slice of wedding cake. Or rather it didn't. Inside was no cake, but a note from His Majesty's Postmaster General, saying that in view of the regulations against the export of unlicensed foodstuffs, he had been obliged to remove the cake.

"Can you read the third line?" an ecologist asked his patient. "Certainly!" replied the man. "ZWDR, I'm no good at pronouncing it, but they broadcast from somewhere around here every evening."

Atlantic Pact discussions continue, there are more sharp words than ever in the U.N. Assembly, but there are still no immediate signs of war. Neither Russia nor America seems to want one, and Britain seems a trifle reluctant to give them a place to hold it.

After the collapse of Franco the question which arose in the minds of all our friends and foes was, "Would Britain surrender, too?" So far, public statements count in the teeth of events I had in the name of His Majesty's Government repeatedly declared our resolve to fight on alone. After Dunkirk, on June 4, I had used the expression "if necessary for years, if necessary alone." This was not inserted without design, and the French Ambassador in London had been instructed the next day to inquire what I actually meant. He was told "exactly what was said."

I could remind the House of my mark when I addressed it on the 18th, the morning of the Bordeaux collapse. I then gave "some indication of the solid practical grounds on which we based our inflexible resolve to continue the war."

I was able to assure Parliament that our professional advisers of the three Services were confident that there were good and reasonable hopes of ultimate victory.

More Sinister

I told them that I had received from all the four Dominion Prime Ministers messages in which they endorsed our decision to fight on and declared themselves ready to share our fortunes. I ended:

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Crowds Demonstrate Against Churchill Belgian MP's Arrested At Rally In Brussels HECKLING BY COMMUNISTS

Brussels, February 27.
Two Belgian Senators and a Communist Deputy were among the people arrested in the course of minor incidents today when Communists attempted to demonstrate against a mass rally in favour of European unity addressed by Britain's wartime leader, Mr. Winston Churchill, and the Belgian Prime Minister, M. Paul Henri Spaak.

ISRAEL'S FOREIGN POLICY

Atlantic City, New Jersey, February 27.
Mr. Eliahu Elath, Israeli Ambassador-designate to the United States, said today that the new Jewish State intends to preserve and strengthen its relations with both the United States and Russia.

Mr. Elath told the convention of the Jewish Labour Committee: "The final analysis has shown that it is better for Israel that we have to defend our State alone rather than have it defended by American or Russian soldiers."

By fighting on its own, Israel had made its independence more secure and more stable, both morally and politically, he added.

The Ambassador-designate recalled that both the United States and Russia had supported Israel's bid for independence and he said: "It is our sincere desire to preserve and strengthen friendly relations with both, as well as with all other peace-loving people."

INDIA THROUGH RUSSIAN EYES

Moscow, February 27.
"Pravda" claimed today that an anti-Communist campaign in India is being urged under American pressure.

The Soviet paper published an extensive "Tues" despatch from Delhi which claimed that the political environment is continually more strained and pictured anti-Communist terror throughout the nation.

The Soviet press has carried frequent articles on India recently, most of them similar to today's "Pravda" item and dealing largely with the anti-Communist drive and describing the Indian Government as reactionary.—Associated Press.

RUSSIANS UP TO SOMETHING?

Berlin, February 27.
Police reinforcements from the Soviet Zone provinces of Saxony and Thuringia are arriving in the Soviet sector of Berlin for a number of special tasks, the British-licensed "Sozial Demokrat" said today.

The newspaper predicted important Soviet sector police actions on March 2, 4 and 5, aimed at tightening the Soviet blockade of the Western sectors.—Reuter.

The arrested Communist Deputy is M. Raymond Dispf, a former Minister without Portfolio. Brussels police said 60 people were taken into custody during the demonstrations, which occurred in front of the Bourse, but that all were released after the meeting ended.

Earlier, Communists had shouted "Down with Churchill" as Britain's wartime Prime Minister appeared on the steps of the Stock Exchange to address a crowd of some 8,000 people on the subject of European unity, but their cries were quickly drowned by the thunderous cheers of the crowd.

A considerable force of police guarded the scene of the rally in view of earlier Communist threats. The two Communist Senators arrested are Senators Isidore Fonteyne and Fernand Minniers.

Sink bombs were dropped and minor clashes broke out on the outskirts of the crowd while hundreds of tiny pamphlets were flung into the air as Mr. Churchill arrived, accompanied by the Belgian Premier, M. Spaak. Some of the pamphlets drifted to the feet of the two statesmen.

Winston Heckled

The isafets bore these phrases: "What are the former Nazis doing on the platform of the European Movement?" "Spaak, the Warmonger," and "Down with Spaak."

When Mr. Churchill rose to speak, the catcalls were drowned by applause. The crowd began chanting "Churchill, Churchill!" As he started his speech, hecklers set up a barrage of booing. He started again, and the crowd became silent.

Mr. Churchill described the United Europe Movement as the sole means of preventing another world war even worse than the last.

"A United Europe is the only way in which the broad shield of power and light can be extended over hundreds of millions of humble homes, where little children have a right to something in the world," he declared.

"I call upon you to give us your support. You need have no hesitation."

Great Movement

"I am sorry I cannot speak French," said Mr. Churchill, and then amidst prolonged cheers he went on: "Vive la Belgique, Vive les combattants pour la liberte, Vive les droits des individus." (Long Live Belgium, the fighters for liberty and the rights of individuals.)

Mr. Churchill went on: "One half of Europe is in prison today, and the other half is on its guard and justified in taking precautionary measures."



Mr. WINSTON CHURCHILL.

The new European unity organisation, now holding its inaugural session in Brussels, is made up of courage, intelligence and perseverance, Mr. Churchill continued, adding: "It will bring welfare and freedom to all citizens, great as well as humble."

"This is a great moment in the history of Belgium, which has so often fought for great causes. It has now given aid to the greatest of all causes in Europe."

Mr. Churchill went on: "We have already gained the support of many people, especially thanks to the support of the United States. Let us, therefore, have wisdom to build this United Europe, let us have that common notion of freedom. Maybe there are people here who have not understood."

The Movement, he said, will give additional security to peace in Belgium. "I rejoice to see the strength and vigour which the Belgians have developed."

Free From Fear

"Now," Mr. Churchill said laughing, "I want to speak to you in French. I do it on great occasions when I see a lot of friends in front of me." (Here there were some interruptions.)

He said: "I will ask you a simple question: why is it that the poor and humble people cannot live in peace and security?"

"Because they have not thus far found the international organisation which would allow them to live in security against tyranny and against being attacked by other nations. The people want to harvest the fruits of their labours—they want to be free from fear."

Amid prolonged applause, Mr. Churchill ended his speech. Later he attended a reception given by the Burgomaster of Brussels.

Special editions of the Belgian Communist organ, "Le Drapeau Rouge," were being sold with an appeal to "all workers to demonstrate against the war provokers."

The single sheet edition also carried a cartoon of Mr. Churchill, showing him in a Hitler pose. Behind him were sketches of Hitler and Goebbels—laughing.—Reuter.

MANILA WAR CRIMES TRIAL

Manila, February 28.
The immediate transfer by the Philippines of three Japanese general officers to testify in the defence of General Shigenori Kuroda, was asked today by the chief defence counsel.

In a communication to SCAP headquarters in Tokyo, Captain Pedro Serran, asked for the witnesses, who include General Yasui Okada, Operations Officer for the 14th Army, General Nagakura, Chief of Staff of the 14th Army, and General Tamura, Chief of Staff of the 1st Army, were asked to testify in the defence of General Kuroda.

Chinese In Malaya Get Organised

Singapore, February 27.
An association of all Chinese over 18 who intend to make their permanent home in Malaya was formally established in Kuala Lumpur today.

Mr. Tan Cheng-look, a prominent Chinese leader in Malaya, called on the Chinese: "Wake up and unite, not only among yourselves but also with the Malays and other communities to make this land one country and one nation."

Up to now, only Straits-born Chinese were organised, and this is the first time an association embracing alien Chinese has been formed.—Reuter.

Amphibian Crashes In Rhodesia

Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, February 27.

Two Swedish airmen were injured when their amphibious aircraft crashed shortly after taking off here today.

The airmen, Thorsten Gustavsson and Captain Jure Winge, were taken to hospital. Their condition is not serious.

The plane, which crashed within 50 metres of a school hostel, where masters and boys were having breakfast, was on the return leg of a 15,000-mile flight round Europe and Africa.

The Swedes left Jonkoping, Sweden, on December 3.

They reached Capetown on February 4 after covering 10,000 miles by way of Germany, France, Spain, Casablanca, Morocco, Dakar, Freetown, the Belgian Congo and Rhodesia.—Reuter.

Bodies Of Britons Found In Furnace

Calcutta, February 27.
West Bengal police were out on one of the biggest terrorist manhunts in recent times today as rioting flared up again near Calcutta, resulting in the death of five and injury to three. First reports said today's rioting was confined to a village in the Howrah district, about 10 miles from Calcutta, where the crowd was led by persons described as Communists.

The police opened fire. Four people have already been arrested.

The incidents, which were splashed in all Indian newspapers today, were generally regarded as underlining the recent warnings to both Central and Provincial Ministers on the danger of dissident political groups attempting to create chaos in the country.

It was learned tonight that three British officials of the British firm of Jessops and Company, previously reported missing, died in yesterday's riot on the firm's premises. Their charred remains were recovered from the furnace of the factory.

The names of the three men given as Arthur Dyer, Fred Gover Turnbull and Frederick C. Erennan.

The present police manhunt for yesterday's raiders, led by a gang of youths armed with Sen guns, bombs and revolvers, on Dum Dum Airport, an ammunition factory, the Jessop engineering firm and police outposts, ranged side around Calcutta, checking river police, of every suspicious craft and keeping a strict watch along the West Bengal coast.

Planned Affair

Yesterday's raid bore all the marks of planning, such as cut telegraph and telephone wires, but police officials would not comment on whether they had political inspiration.

Police reinforcements were attacked when they arrived today at a village in the Howrah district to deal with rioters led by persons described as Communists.

A Government spokesman said in Madras that the Government has placed all public utility premises including water supply tanks, bridges, electric installations and aerodromes in Madras province, under a security footing.

Access to those places is now denied to the public.

The spokesman said the step had been taken because of the threatened South Indian railway strike led by a Communist Union and because Communist subversive activities still continue in this province.

Special provisions were made in the annual provincial budget which was presented yesterday in view of the subversive activities of the Communists in many districts.—Reuter and Associated Press.

HUNGARY STOPS WAR PAYMENTS

Belgrade, February 27.
Hungary has stopped reparation payments to Yugoslavia, due under the peace treaty, since the Cominform resolution attacking Yugoslavia, the Yugoslav newspaper "Politika" declared today.

"Goods produced in Hungarian factories for Yugoslavia are being sold on the free market," the paper stated.

"Yugoslav property taken away during the occupation, which has been identified and is of great value to Yugoslavia, has not been restored by Hungary to Yugoslavia."

The newspaper said that although the damage caused in Yugoslavia by Hungarian troops during the war amounted to \$1,281,000,000, Marshal Josip Tito's Government had agreed to a sum of \$70,000,000 as reparation payment.—Reuter.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR HONG KONG?

Photograph shows the entrance to St. Joseph's Church, Garden Road.

SWEDEN GENERAL IN CANADA

Ottawa, February 28.
General Bengt Nordenskiold, Commander-in-Chief of Sweden's Air Force, arrived last night by air to study winter flying in Canada.

He was met by Air Marshal W. G. Curtis, Chief of Canada's Air Staff.—Associated Press.

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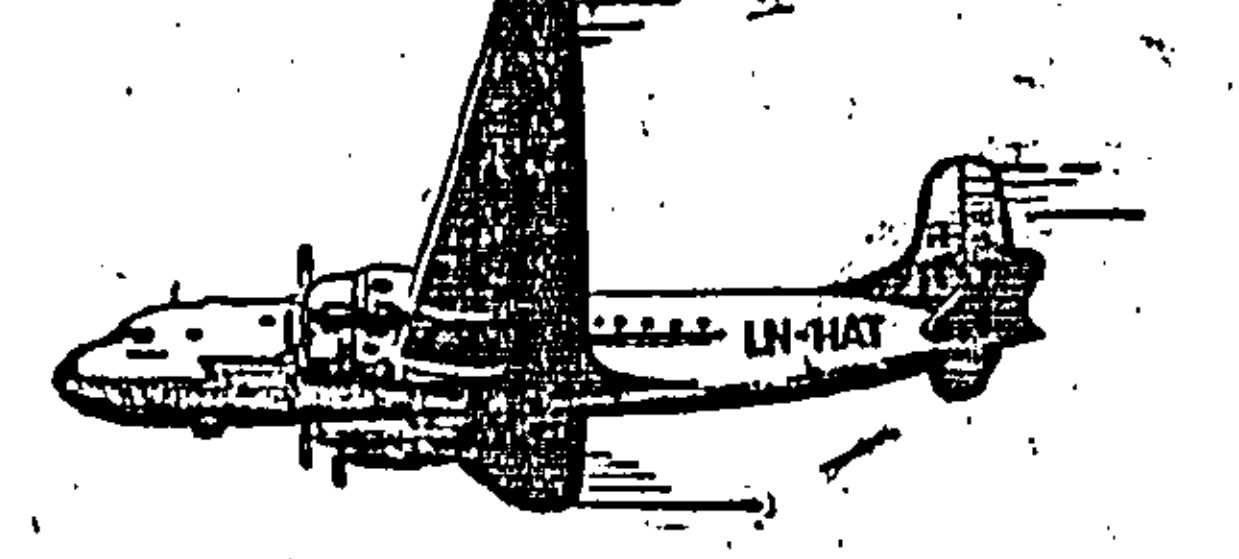
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"Gone With the Wind," one of the greatest pictures of all time, which is now brought to the Queen's and Alhambra screens as an M-G-M masterpiece release, has won virtually every award in the field of motion pictures.

Shortly after its premiere, it won the annual award of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences as the best film of the year. David O. Selznick, producer of the picture, won the Irving Thalberg Memorial Award at the same time for the outstand-

ing contribution by a producer for the year.

Vivien Leigh, who plays Scarlett O'Hara, won the Academy Award as the best actress; Victor Fleming, who directed "Gone With the Wind," was named as the best director of the year; and Hattie McDaniel, who appears as Mammy, likewise won the Academy Award for the best performance by a supporting actress.

The late Sidney Howard, famed playwright, was cited for the best

screen play of the year; William Cameron Menzies, production designer, received a special plaque for his work in the use of colour in the film; and both the Technicolor and the editing of the picture were similarly honoured as the outstanding achievements of the year.

The memorable production of Margaret Mitchell's story of the old South is now being shown again as a Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer masterpiece release. It's a picture EVERYBODY WANTS TO SEE!

Four Great Stars Head Cast



Shown above, from left to right, are Clark Gable as Rhett Butler, Vivien Leigh as Scarlett O'Hara, Leslie Howard as Ashley Wilkes, Olivia de Havilland as Melanie Hamilton.

Most Impressive Names On Screen

The cast is probably the most impressive in the history of the screen. Fifty-nine principal players, plus an army of extras for the battle scenes were used, while the technical staff employed a list of names a column long. Heading the cast are Clark Gable, Vivien Leigh, Olivia de Havilland and the late Leslie Howard. In supporting roles are Thomas Mitchell, Evelyn Keyes, Ann Rutherford and Victor Jory, among many other distinguished movie players.

No soothsayer is needed to observe that "Gone With the Wind" proved a spring board to launch most of these on their meteoric careers.

Gable, who played Rhett Butler, the romantic ideal of the day, is currently Hollywood's No. 1 male star. Miss Leigh, who achieved overnight fame as Scarlett O'Hara, has since maintained it in starring roles which include the recent "Cesar and Cleopatra." Olivia de Havilland, as Melanie Hamilton, has won the Academy Award as the best actress in "To Each His Own."



"Tighter, Mammy! Mr. Butler will be at the ball tonight. I simply must be beautiful!" The prelude to a fateful meeting!



"You're looking pale. Is there a shortage of rouge? Or can this wanness mean you've been missing me?" Rhett asked Scarlett after he returned from London.

1,230 EXTRAS IN ONE SCENE

An all-time record for employment of Hollywood extras was established during filming of "Gone With the Wind," the never-to-be-forgotten motion picture, an M-G-M masterpiece release.

Twelve thousand days of employment were given to bit players and extras during filming of "Gone With the Wind." The largest number to appear in a single scene was 1,230, who represented the residents of Atlanta and Confederate Armies in the spectacular destruction of many parts of Atlanta at the time of the burning of the arsenal.

Eric Stacey, assistant to Director Victor Fleming, was in charge of the extras. He originated an elaborate chart system by which to establish their positions so that each player would be able to return to his

exact position on the set after a scene, either to re-play it, or to proceed with a new action.



MIGHTY SPECTACLE WHEN SOLDIERS BURN ATLANTA

Of thirty huge sets created from three thousand sketches for "Gone With the Wind," the never-to-be-forgotten motion picture now brought to Hong Kong as an M-G-M masterpiece release, the most pretentious was that of the war-torn city of Atlanta, where munitions warehouses were burned by retreating soldiers.

The spectacular backgrounds of Atlanta in 1864 were reproduced on twenty acres. Warehouses, cotton gins, lumber yards and a Confederate arsenal arose from a pattern of steel engravings and Civil War photographs. A train of wooden box cars was spotted on the warehouse tracks. The call went out for 1,200 extras and that night a crowd estimated by Los Angeles police at 10,000 gathered in the Baldwin Hills, South of the movie set.

A special effects expert took over and the group of thirty-six buildings, most of them three

stories in height, was piped with a battery of spray nozzles, concealed in the doomed structures. A centrifugal pump connected on three 5,000-gallon tanks served the mixture of gasoline and distillate.

With the pressing of a button, which started the electrical ignition, the pump responded with tremendous pressure through the atomising "fog nozzle" and flames sprang up in a dozen places to a height of two hundred feet. And thus was one of the most electrifying sequences of "Gone With the Wind" filmed.



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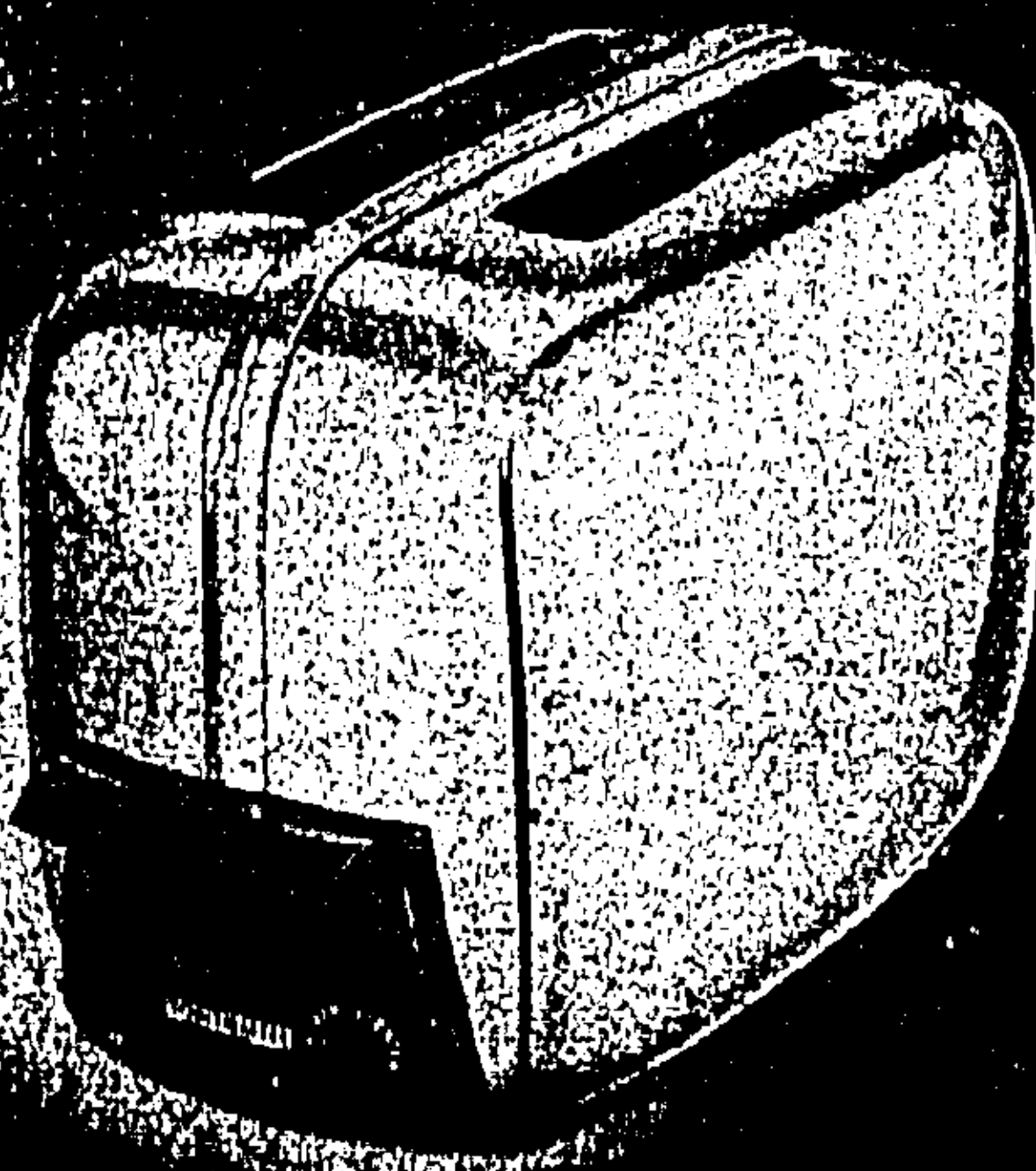


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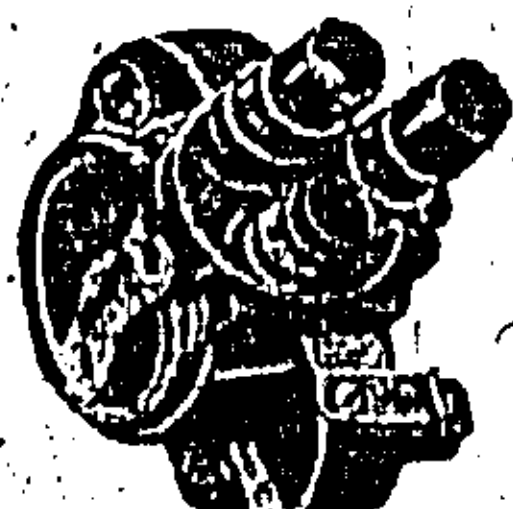


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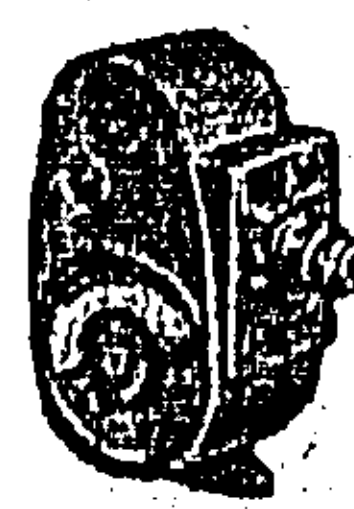
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DELAYS IN WESTERN GERMANY

Frankfurt, February 27. The formation of a West German Government is running into more delays and difficulties than ever before.

The coming week will illustrate these troubles and disagreements more than ever before.

First, there are disputes on the side of the United States and France.

Second, there are disputes between the Germans who are charting the future form of Government.

Third, there are disputes between the Allies and the Germans. On top of this, there are repeated delays and this week new ones will probably develop.

Last year, the Western Allies set a target date of March 15 for the formation of the new Government of the Western zones. Allied observers now think the Government will not be in operation before June and perhaps even later.

The chief stumbling block between the Allies has been the degree of centralisation which the new German Government will have when it is formed.

The French have persistently opposed any measures that would give the Government wide powers.

This has held up for months the issuance of an occupation statute for the Germans. The statute will virtually be an interim peace treaty for the Germans.—Associated Press.

Shanklin, February 27. Members of the Cabinet and other leaders of the Labour Party tonight concluded their secret study of the Labour programme for the next general election, which is expected to be in June next.

The draft of the Labour second five-year plan is believed to contain proposals for the nationalisation of several more industries, including chemicals, water supply and sugar refining.

Chemicals might involve the Imperial Chemical Industries combine, which has a capital of £170 million.

The plan is still only tentative and must be approved by the National Executive Committee and by the National Conference of the party in May.

The Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Herbert Morrison, who is in charge of campaign strategy, told reporters tonight: "The temper of the conference has been admirable. There has not been one row."

He refused to disclose details about decisions.

Co-ops Object

Political quarters tonight predicted that shipbuilding and insurance might be dropped from the list of "possibles" for nationalisation which, it is understood, figured in the original draft.

Shipbuilding nationalisation is the subject of trade union differences while insurance might involve complications with big companies with headquarters overseas.

Flour milling—also suggested for nationalisation—is likely to be dropped because of objections from Britain's huge Co-operative Movement, which has special interests in this sphere.

A Compromise?

Between 20 and 30 industries have been studied for possible nationalisation.

Unions Support Aid To Europe

Washington, February 27. The Congress of Industrial Organisations said today that the United States should stimulate international trade to establish conditions that will enable democracy to survive.

"The struggle to maintain and extend the frontiers of democracy is more than a political battle," said the CIO. "Economic well-being is a prerequisite of political stability and extension of individual liberty."

The views were stated in the current issue of the Economic Outlook, monthly publication of the CIO Department of Education and Research, which said the United States should do three things to aid foreign trade and thus bolster worldwide political stability:

1. Continue the European recovery plan.
2. Extend the reciprocal trade Act.
3. Ratify the charter for the International Trade Organisation.

The article said foreign countries supply many raw materials without which the huge American industrial machine could not operate at present levels.

It added that a sharp reduction in American overseas trading would reverberate throughout the entire domestic economy and would make it impossible to maintain full employment and high living standards in this country.

Therefore, it said the CIO supports the recovery plan to rebuild Europe's economy. It cautioned, however, that once Europe regains its economic feet, the Continent will still be unable to sell its goods on world markets unless the United States supplements the Marshall Plan by extending the reciprocal trade Act and approving the ITO Charter.

"Both programmes are intended to establish trading conditions that make for good world markets for all nations," said the article, discounting arguments that reduced tariffs would cause the United States to be flooded with cheap foreign goods.—United Press.

Unpaid Bill's Tragic Sequel

Geneva, February 27. Two Swedish visitors, man and wife, were found shot dead in their hotel room today while the police waited at the door to ask questions about an alleged unpaid bill.

They were Torolf Hogmann, aged 64, accountant of Stockholm, and Mrs. Hogmann, also aged 64.

A police inspector, who was waiting to enter their room when the shots rang out, said afterwards: "Hogmann had asked me to wait while he dressed. I had called on the Hogmanns at the request of the Lucerne police, who were investigating an unpaid bill of 2,000 Swiss francs.—Reuter.

EGYPTIANS PUT ON A PARADE

Tel Aviv, February 27.

The crack Egyptian 9th Brigade, trapped in the Faluja pocket in the Northern Negev for four months, marched out through the Israeli lines today with the precision of a Sandhurst parade.

The brigade is being evacuated to Egyptian lines under the terms of the Egyptian-Israeli armistice signed at Rhodes last week. The evacuation, which began yesterday, is expected to finish tomorrow.

United Nations observers, who watched today's evacuation, said that the Egyptians, despite the prolonged siege, marched out with polished brasses and trimly pressed uniforms.

The troops were accompanied by lorries in a convoy, spaced along the route like a military band. Israelis watching the march-out were particularly impressed by the bearing and turn-out of the Egyptian troops.

A Sudanese brigadier, said to be commanding 2,500 Faluja troops, told United Nations observers that he wished to be the last man to leave the pocket.

Over 100 trucks rolled out of Faluja today and it was reported that the bulk of the Egyptian force had been evacuated by sunset. Today, riding trucks, sat in rows along the sides with rifles held in line between their knees. Each man stared stiffly ahead at the tip of his fixed bayonet.

The observers added that motor cycle patrols bringing up rear of the convoys saluted Israeli officers, the Jews snapping back salutes in return.—Reuter.

REFUGEES FROM SHANGHAI

Manila, February 27. About 400 more refugees from Shanghai, mostly White Russians, have arrived on board the International Refugee Organisation's chartered vessel, ss Haven.

The latest batch, the fourth group to come for temporary resettlement in Guimán, Samar Island, reached Manila on Saturday morning. The Haven is expected to sail for Samar with the refugees in the next day or two.—Reuter.

Reform Movement In Tory Party

London, February 27.

Vigorous action to recast the Conservative Party policy for the general election in 1950 is expected to follow Mr. Winston Churchill's return from the European Movement conference at Brussels.

In the party's "black weekend," after its failure in Thursday's bye-election in South Hammersmith, a general alarm was sounded.

Newspaper commentators, some of them personally sympathetic to Mr. Churchill and his followers, today questioned the Conservative electioneering technique and the effectiveness of the Conservative Opposition in the House of Commons.

The political commentator of the Conservative "Sunday Dispatch" wrote: "Probably it would be better if Mr. Churchill were to confine his electioneering activities to those occasions when he desires personally to intervene in delivering a half-hour speech on the great international issues of the day."

On the other hand, the political columnist of Lord Beaverbrook's Conservative "Express" asserted that the Conservative failure at South Hammersmith was due to the general impotence in debate of the Tories in the House of Commons.

One effect of Hammersmith may be to increase the pressure within the Conservative Party for a positive election programme based on progressive ideas.

Certain elements have resisted the idea of committing the party to a definite programme too far ahead of a general election.

The last word in any modification in policy will lie with Mr. Churchill, whose dominating role in the party is unchallenged.—Reuter.

BRITISH COMMIES ISSUE STATEMENT ON POLICIES

London, February 27.

The British Communist Party stated today that the first signs of an impending slump are evident in Britain.

In a policy statement, the Executive Committee of the party, which has been meeting in London, said: "While production has gone up, workers' standards have gone down."

"The war policy abroad means reduced living conditions at home. Prices are still rising quicker than wages, while profits soar."

"It is now admitted that the Marshall Plan cannot solve Europe's problems," the statement said.

"Cut-throat competition in the export market is intensifying. Unemployment and short time are steadily increasing. The first signs of an impending slump are evident."

"Already we see in factory after factory how piece rates and old established customs are being attacked, at the same time as the wage demands of the miners, textile workers and railway men are refused."

The Communist Executive made the following points as their policy:

The Colonies

1.—"Fight now for peace."

2.—"Demand that Britain keep out of the North Atlantic War Pact."

3.—"Demand for withdrawal of all American military forces from Britain."

4.—"Demand a meeting of Stalin, Truman and Attlee now to concert measures for peace, reduce armaments and ban the atom bomb."

5.—"Demand the reduction of National Service (conscription) to 12 months, with the withdrawal of British troops from Malaya and liberation for colonial peoples."

The Executive announced that the Communists aim to put forward 100 candidates at the next general elections.—Reuter.

Clay To Be Replaced?

Chicago, February 28.

The Chicago Tribune has learned authoritatively that General Lucius D. Clay will relinquish command of American forces in Europe by June 30.

General Clay, it said, will be replaced by Lieutenant General Albert C. Wedemeyer, War Department U.S. Commander in China and now deputy Chief of Staff in charge of Plans and Operations, or General Mark Clark, former commander in Austria and now commanding the Sixth Army with headquarters in San Francisco.

The Tribune despatch from Washington said: "The shift will mark a change in American policy from the Carthaginian hard peace policy toward Germany under the Morgenthau plan to a softer peace policy to emphasize American determination to halt the spread of Communism."—Associated Press.

Mounting Opposition To Winston

London, February 28.

Some of Britain's worried Conservative leaders are talking about easing Winston Churchill out of his role as the Party's prime policy maker.

The Conservative defeat last week in the crucial South Hammersmith by-election was a hard blow to Party leaders.

Mr. Churchill's threat to seek a vote of censure against the Labour Government because of costs of the popular National Health Service is described by many as a costly pre-election blunder in the Hammersmith voting.

Mr. Churchill was also criticised for his campaign speeches in Hammersmith. Usually he remains aloof from bye-elections. Some critics said his attack on the Labour government failed to suggest constructive counter moves.

One upper level Conservative leader remarked that workers and the middle class cheer for Churchill, but they vote for Labour.

The undercurrent of criticism of Mr. Churchill broke into print, significantly, in the Conservative "Daily Telegraph." The "Telegraph" is owned by Lord Camrose, a power in the Conservative Party.

The "Telegraph's" political correspondent said there is serious unrest among Conservative Members of Parliament. Editorially the newspaper urged a "chief of staff" for Mr. Churchill to draft Parliamentary and election strategy.

The "Daily Mirror," friendly to Socialists, said: "South Hammersmith electors have split the Tory Party from top to bottom. They have strengthened the hands of more progressive Conservatives who are critical of Mr. Churchill's leadership in Parliament and of his intervention in bye-elections."

The former Foreign Secretary, Anthony Eden, is regarded as the No. 2 Conservative in the Commons. But Mr. Churchill has insisted, informed sources said, on running the whole show himself.—Associated Press.

JAP DELEGATION IN PAKISTAN

Karachi, February 27.

A Japanese trade delegation, accompanied by an official of General MacArthur's Headquarters, arrived here today in search of raw cotton and to discuss trade in textiles.—Reuter.

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EARTH QUAKE IN LONG BEACH

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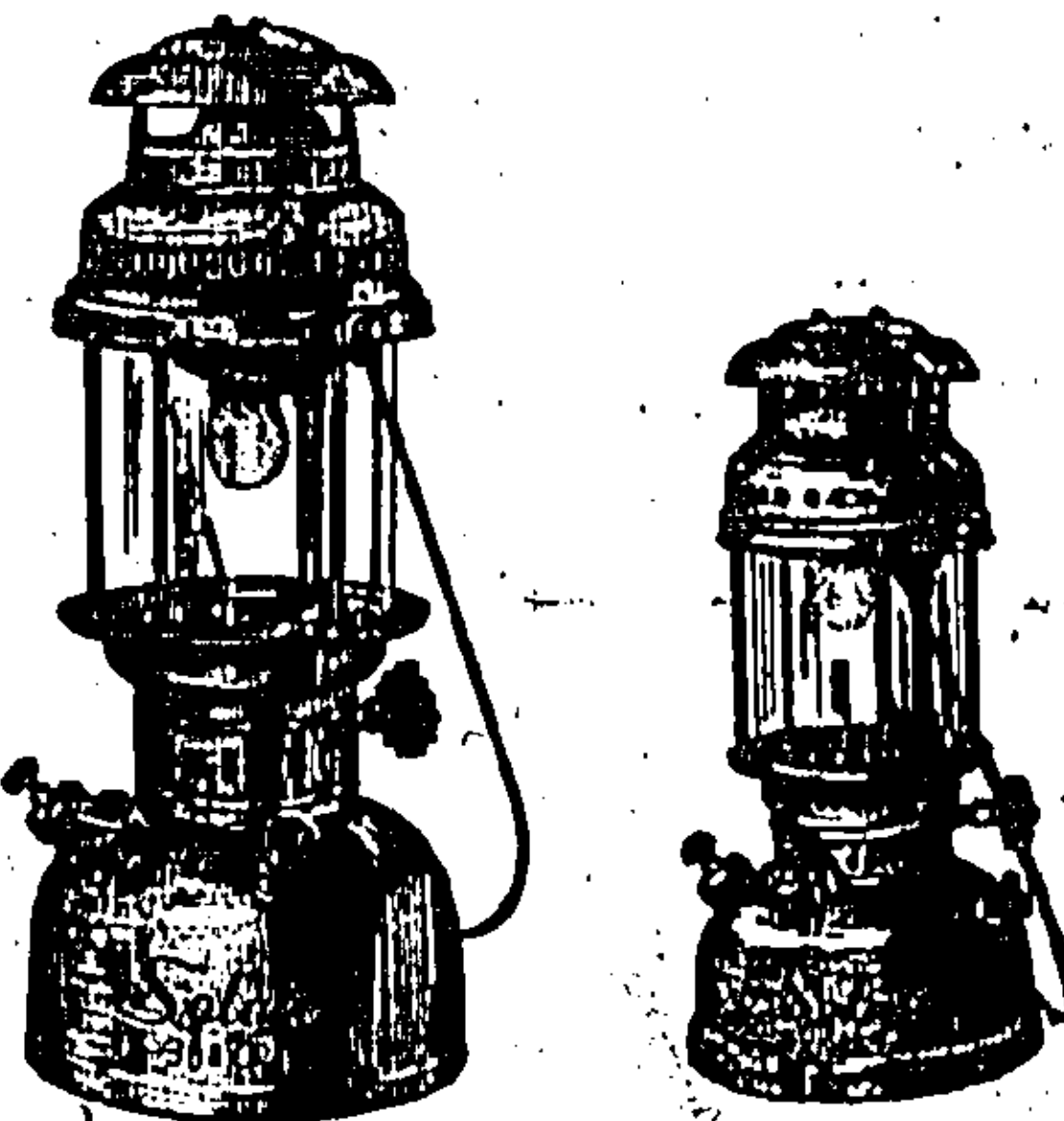
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MR. VANDENBERG BACKS DRAFT OF ATLANTIC TREATY

Washington, February 27.
Senator Arthur Vandenberg today termed satisfactory and adequate the United States draft of the North Atlantic security pact pledging the use of military force if deemed necessary to halt aggression in Europe.

Senator Vandenberg's support means that the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, can enter the final negotiations on the alliance this week with the backing of the Senate's leadership, Republicans and Democrats alike.

Senator Vandenberg, chief Republican foreign policy spokesman in the Senate, said: "I think we are on our way to a satisfactory and adequate result."

By "satisfactory" he meant that the draft is fully in accord with his insistence that the United States reserve to itself the entire right of decision regarding the use of force.

By "adequate" he meant that it would be an advance notice to Russia of the United States' community of interest with Europe which he regards as the best assurance against World War III.

Senator Vandenberg's endorsement follows similar expressions by Chairman Tom Connally of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and Senator Walter George, a ranking member.

Effect On Russia

Senator Robert Taft, Republican leader on domestic issues also termed the pact a deterrent to war.

Democratic Senator Claude Pepper, a member of the Foreign Relations Committee, urged that the pact's life be limited to a few years.

He looks for a changed atmosphere on the part of Russia which might enable the United Nations to assume its security functions backed up by an international police force the formation of which Moscow thus far has blocked.

Mr. Acheson is negotiating with the Governments of Canada, Britain, France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg. If their reaction to the present draft is favourable the treaty may be put in final form next week and submitted to the nations for approval before signing ceremonies.

The pact pledges mutual assistance in the event of an attack on any of the signatory states. That would include the use of force if deemed necessary and desirable by individual nations which would supply the "force."

That is a compromise between the original language flatly

U.S. Air Strength In Far East

Washington, February 28.
The United States Air Force plans to rely on its present strength in Japan, built around a B-29 group with fighter support.

An Air Force official said last night that he expects the USAF to continue its existing strength in the Orient. In answer to questions, he reaffirmed previous Army announcements that it does not plan to increase or substantially cut its Far Eastern Air strength.

Under proposed military appropriations for the fiscal year beginning next July, the Air Force will have 412,000 men. Today it has about 417,000. President Truman recommended the Air Force combat fleet be fixed at 48 groups. At present 59 are in operation.

A reduction in groups is not expected to affect the Far East force. USAF unit strength in Japan has been reduced slightly during the past year. A year ago two B-29 groups were stationed in the Far East. They operated from bases in Guam to Japan and other areas under American control. One group was returned to the U.S. last autumn.

That left one group permanently in the Orient. Other B-29 groups make occasional training visits to Western Pacific areas. They remain there for several months, thus augmenting the bombardment force.

In addition to the B-29 medium bombers group of 30 planes, two light bomber groups are in the Far East. About 45 planes are in each light bomber group.

To support the bombardment units, the Air Force has six fighter groups in the area. This is one less than a year ago. About 75 planes make up a fighter group.

There is no present indication of a change in Air Force strength in Europe.—Associated Press.

Fight Against Aid To Europe

Chicago, February 27.
Republican Senator Homer Capehart is to lead the Senate fight to cut foreign aid spending in half.

He will offer an amendment to delete perhaps \$583,000,000 from the \$5,580,000,000 bill to keep the European recovery programme going until June 30, 1950.

He asserted that recent administration reports showed that production in Western European countries has reached and in some instances surpassed pre-war levels.—United Press.

MINE DRAMA

Benton, Wisconsin, February 27.
Fifteen miners were removed today from a zinc mine shaft in which they were trapped 107 feet below the surface when fire destroyed the mine building at the head of the shaft.

Rescue crews found the men—and brought them to safety on an improvised hoist. The miners were working in the drift of the main shaft and were preparing to leave when fire broke out. After the fire was put out, the mine superintendent talked to the men through the debris and assured them they would be rescued soon.—United Press.

All Scandinavia May Join Security Pact

Oslo, February 28.
High diplomatic sources predict that all Scandinavia—including traditionally neutral Sweden—will probably join the proposed North Atlantic defence pact within six months.

Norway already has prepared to cast her lot with the West. Denmark's principal political party, the Social Democrats, called on that country on Sunday to face West in the quest for military security.

High officials of Sweden, key nation of the North, acknowledge privately that their country cannot hope to keep its delicate balance between the Eastern and Western power blocs much

THE PRESS RECOVERS FROM WAR

Lake Success, February 27.
The press in the war-devastated countries of Europe and the Far East is slowly but steadily reviving, according to a survey by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation.

Newspapers in many countries are almost restored to pre-war standards. In the case of the press in Belgium and the Netherlands, it is said, the situation is better than before the war.

There are improvements in the gathering and transmission of news and steady advances in the training of journalists, the survey said. In Greece, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland and Yugoslavia, the newspapers are seriously handicapped by inadequate printing equipment. Polish presses are working 24 hours a day.

The condition of the paper mills in Austria is good but the plants are either idle or working at part capacity because of shortages of coal power and skilled labour.

Many of the Latin-American under-developed areas are having a difficult time in getting newspapers started. Haiti and Honduras, in particular, seriously need trained men.—Reuter.

"Death Grip"

It is recognised here that Sweden would have to weaken her own defences along the Finnish border if she were to defend Danish territory, too.

The Swedes and Finns are friendly to each other. But the presence of a Russian base on Finnish soil is upsetting. Swedish officials say they feel happier because of the recent wedding out of Communism from key positions in the Finnish Government.

A Swedish official termed Russia's treaty with Finland a "death grip." It gives the Russians full access rights to the Porkkala base. The official said "Got only knows" how many Russian troops are stationed at Porkkala now.

Denmark fears her geographical location makes her a tempting plum to Russian eyes. Danish bases would be important in control of the sea gateway

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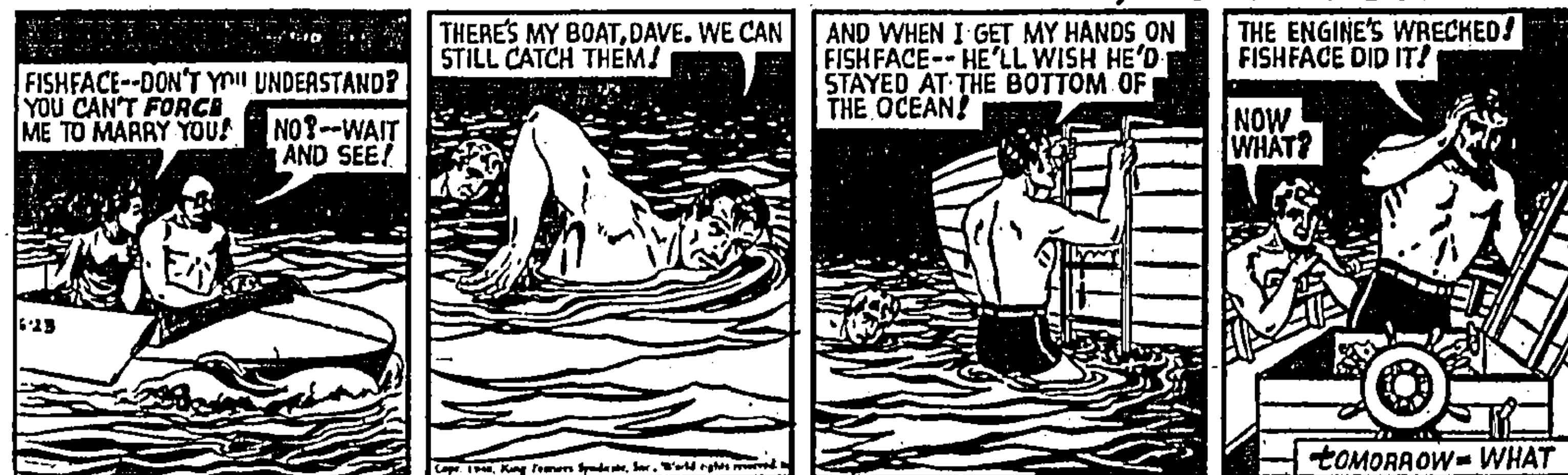
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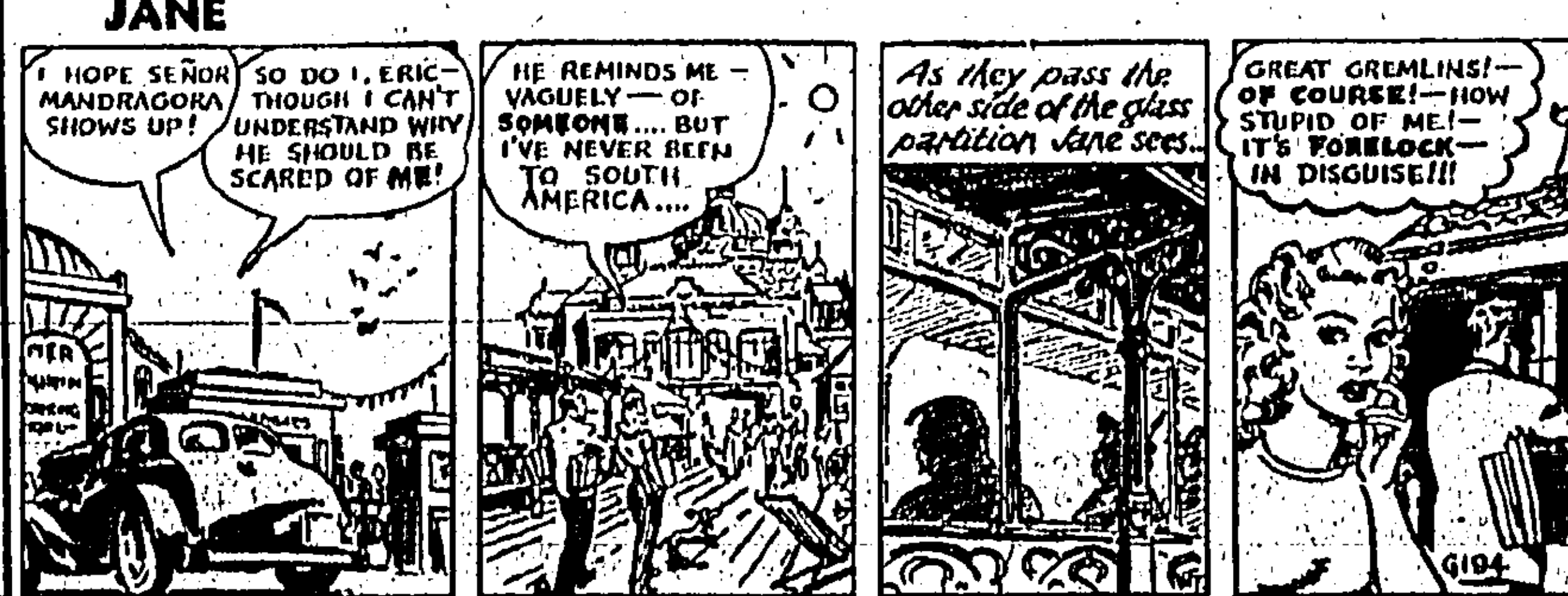
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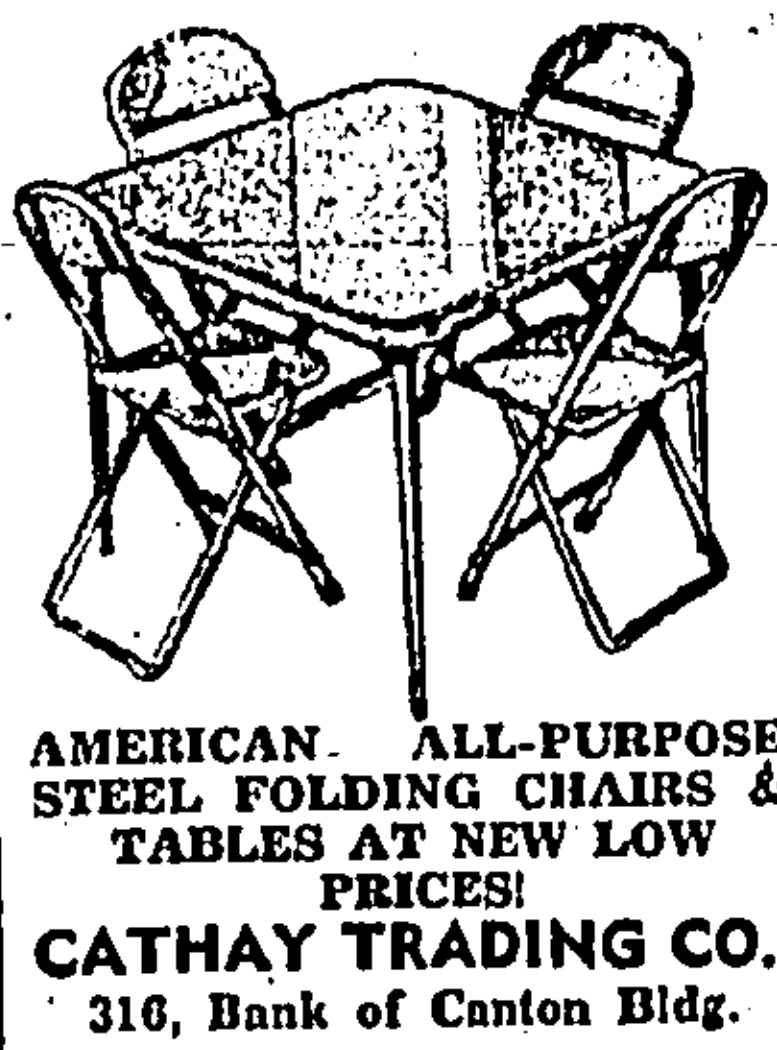
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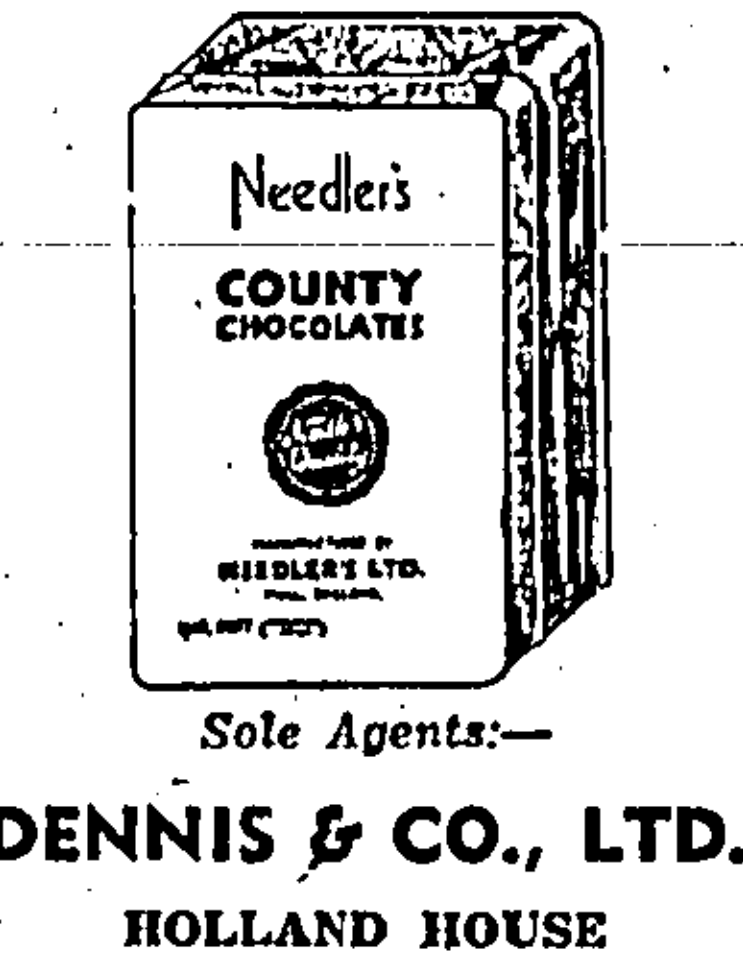
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FIRST SHIP ARRIVES FROM RED TERRITORY

(By Our Harbour Reporter)

Officials of the Chinese Communist Administration at Tientsin seem respectfully friendly but are extremely businesslike.

That is the opinion of Mr. P. V. Parker, master of the ss, President Fillmore, first foreign ship to discharge cargo at the Red-occupied port, and which arrived here last evening from Shanghai.

"All foreign properties and personnel are reported safe and intact; posters have signs warning persons not to molest them," the veteran skipper of the American President Line freighter said.

No foreigners, however, is permitted ashore, as they said, this could not be allowed any more.

Formerly the Rutland Victory, the APL steamer unloaded 1,250 tons of cargo, including machinery and chemical materials. She did not take any cargo from Tientsin. The cargo was ordered before the Reds took over, and it was all for private firms.

"It took three days to discharge the goods, which were landed by the regular stevedores. Sixteen White Russian checkers remained on board throughout the stay."

Among those who boarded the ship, as she moored alongside, at Taku Bar, were a Communist Commissioner of Customs, the Police Prefect and, to quote Mr. Parker, "a sort of a Russian Foreign Affairs man."

The officials expressed the intention of the Administration of establishing friendly relations with the world and inaugurating commerce with other nations.

Firm Discipline

"I found the Red officials and soldiers very firmly disciplined," Mr. Parker declared. "They even refused a cigarette or a cup of tea."

They appeared to be courteous but did not fraternise with the crew.

"One thing struck me vividly: no pilfering or damage during the unloading was reported," he stated.

POST OFFICE MAIL NOTICE

Mail Service by Air and Surface to Tientsin and Peking is temporarily suspended until further notice. AIRMAIL FOR UNITED KINGDOM DELAYED.

The Outward Airmail for United Kingdom, scheduled to close at 10 a.m. on Sunday, February 27, will now close on Wednesday, March 2, at Kowloon GPO 4.30 p.m. and Hong Kong GPO 6 p.m. (Registered mail half an hour earlier.)

Outward Mails

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TUESDAY, MARCH 1

Closing Times by Air
 Canton and Peking (Kowloon GPO) 7.30 a.m., 10 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 2.30 p.m., (GPO) 7 a.m., 9.30 a.m., Noon, 2 p.m.
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 Airmail for Bangkok, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.
 Closing Times by Sea
 Japan, 2 p.m.
 Formosa via Keelung, 3 p.m.
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 Closing Times by Air
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 Airmail for Manila, (Reg.) Noon, (Ord.) 12.30 p.m.
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 Airmail for Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Lahore, Alexandria (Nairobi), Johannesburg and Marseilles via Alexandria, Rome and London, Kowloon GPO, (Reg.) 4 p.m., (Ord.) 4.30 p.m.; (GPO) (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.
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Jewellery Returned

"I consider these two bracelets and two pendants as personal jewellery and these coins as currency," said Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday when he ordered that this part of the gold ornaments and coins seized by revenue officers be returned to Wong Yuk, 30-year-old woman of 82 Morrison Hill Road.

Revenue Inspector D. H. Knox said that when defendant arrived by a CATC plane at Kai Tak at 12 noon on Sunday she was asked whether she had any gold to declare.

She told Woman Revenue Officer 93 that she had two or three bracelets. When she was searched, 32 bracelets, 19 rings, a gold chain, two bangles, a gold clip, two US\$10 gold pieces, 10 sovereigns and a half-sovereign were found in a box in her coat pocket.

Defendant told the court that all the jewellery was her own property, and that some had been in her possession for a number of years. The gold coins, she said, were to be used as a wedding present for a relative. She did not know that a permit was required.

The magistrate ordered that 30 bracelets, 18 rings, the gold chain and the gold clip be confiscated. The defendant was cautioned and discharged.

Booked on the charge of exporting gold by CNAC plane at 12.15 p.m. on Sunday, Hsu Men-fun, 30-year-old woman, failed to surrender to her bond of \$25 when her name was called before Mr. Blair-Kerr yesterday. Her bail was ordered to be estreated, and the five bars of gold seized were confiscated.

Jeung Tin-choy also had his bail of \$20 estreated when he failed to answer the charge of exporting a fuel of gold by CATC plane on Sunday.

COAL SHIPMENTS

Geneva, February 27.

United States coal shipments to Europe fell to a new post-war low of 631,000 metric tons during January, the coal committee of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe announced tonight.

In January a year ago American coal imports to Europe totalled 2,341,000 metric tons. — United Press.

THEIR FINEST HOUR

(Continued from Page 6)

Hitler knows that he will have to break us in this island or lose the war. If we can stand up to him, all Europe may be free and the life of the world may move forward into broad, sunlit uplands. But if we fail, then the whole world, including the United States, including all that we have known and cared for, will sink into the abyss of a new Dark Age, made more sinister, and perhaps, more protracted, by the lights of perverted science.

"Let us therefore brace ourselves to our duties, and so bear ourselves that, if the British Empire and its Commonwealth last for a thousand years, men will still say 'This was their finest hour'."

All these often-quoted words were made good in the hour of victory. But now they were only words. Foreigners who do not understand the temper of the British race all over the globe when its blood is up might suppose that they were only a bold front, set up as a good prelude for peace negotiations.

Can one wonder that astute calculators in many countries, ignorant as they mostly were of the problems of overseas invasion, and of the quality of our Air Force, and who dwell under the overwhelming impression of German might and terror, were not convinced? Why should not Britain join the spectators who in Japan and in the United States, in Sweden, and in Spain, might watch with detached interest, or even relief, a mutually destructive struggle between the Nazi and Communist Empires?

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Fleet across the Atlantic should the Mother Country be defeated. On the contrary, I doubt very much the wisdom of dwelling upon the last contingency at the present time. I have good confidence in our ability to defend this island, and I see no reason to make preparation for or give any countenance to the transfer of the British Fleet.

I shall myself never enter into any peace negotiations with Hitler, but obviously I cannot bind a future Government which, if we were deserted by the United States, would be down upon us very easily as a kind of Quisling affair ready to accept German overlordship and protection. It would be a help if you would impress this danger upon the President, as I have done in my telegrams to him.

Keep Alive

It was with good confidence that we entered upon the supreme test. Prime Minister to Lord Lothian (Washington). 28.vi.40.

No doubt I shall make some broadcast presently, but I don't think words count for much now. Too much attention should not be paid to eulds of United States opinion. Only force of events can govern them.

Up till April they were so sure the Allies would win that they did not think help necessary. Now they are so sure we shall lose that they do not think it possible. I feel good confidence.

we can repel invasion and keep alive in the air. Anyhow, we are going to try.

Never cease to impress on President and others that if this country were successfully invaded and largely occupied after heavy fighting some Quisling Government would be formed to make peace on the basis of our becoming a German Protectorate. In this case the British Fleet would be the solid contribution with which this Peace Government would buy terms. Feeling in England against United States would be similar to French bitterness against us now.

We have really not had any help worth speaking of from the United States so far. [The rifles and field guns did not arrive till the end of July. The destroyers had been refused.] We know President is our best friend, but it is no use trying to dance attendance upon Republican and Democratic Conventions.

What really matters is whether Hitler is master of Britain in three months or not. I think not. But this is a matter which cannot be argued beforehand. Your mood should be bland and unemphatic. No one is downhearted here.

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 KWETANG (H. & S.) British, 1,500 tons, ex-Singapore
 PRESIDENT FILMORE (APL) American, 9,900 tons, ex-Singapore

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FATHIAN (H. & S.) ex-Canton, 10 a.m.
 HANSHANG (Jardine) British, 10 a.m.
 PRESIDENT FILMORE (APL) American, 10 a.m.

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Shipping Departures

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HILTON (Two Fat) for Saigon, 10 a.m.
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 PRESIDENT TYLER (APL) for USA, 10 a.m.

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BENDORAN (Lorley) for Liverpool, 10 a.m.
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 HAI HUA (CMN) for Shanghai, 10 a.m.

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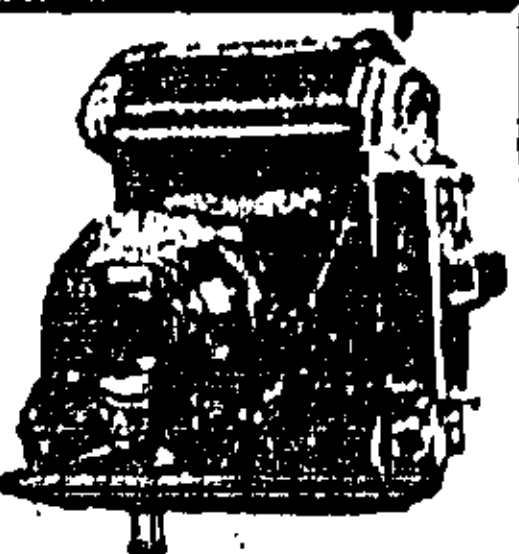
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CLUB LOSE RUGGER GAME TO SERVICES

(By "TOUCH JUDGE")

SEGALEN HAS AN EASY WIN

R. Segalen, the Cricket Club Singles Champion, defeated Au Kam-moon in the replay of their Colony Championship Singles the yesterday.

It was an anticlimax for Au after his excellent performance in the first meeting, but Segalen fully deserved his victory.

Adopting more aggressive tactics, he was driving harder and deeper, and followed his drives with well-placed volleys at the net.

The opening day of the Doubles Championship games saw the favourites in easy wins.

The Tsui brothers came out with a score of 6-2 and 6-3, while Lee Wai-tong and K.H. Ip did not have much difficulty in eliminating Sellers and Hawthorn by 6-1 and 6-2.

The youthful pair of D.M. Rodrigues and A.J. Remedios, went down to the more experienced "C.R.C." players, Ho Ka-lau and Pang O-lan.

The Recreio boys were leading by 5-3 and set-point in the first set, when they began to make repeated errors, and lost the set.

In the second set, Rodrigues and Ip, with deep-swinged drives and volleys, but their younger opponents' straight drives well subdued, to take the set by 6-1.

FULL SCORES

D.J. Leonard and L.F. de Souza beat P.H. Bannerman and S. Saul, 6-0, 6-4.

Tsui Yun-pui and Tsui Wai-pui beat F.H. Kwok and Wong Siu-ki, 6-2, 6-3.

Ho Ka-lau and Pang O-lan beat D.M. Rodrigues and A.J. Remedios, 7-5, 6-1.

Lee Wai-tong and K.H. Ip beat J.V. Sellers and J.B. Hawthorn, 6-1, 6-2.

B.T.M. Jones and H. Ayres beat T.J. Ouweland and A.C.W. Blauw, 6-0, 6-4.

Choy Tin-wah and Sze-to Bick beat J.A. Hurlbutt and M.D. A. Clinton, 6-3, 6-1.

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Today's Games

Court 1: Kwok Hing-chung & Itoh Leung vs. J.S. Lee & Lee Ming.

Court 2: R. Ng Yeok-kin & P. Poon vs. B. Gosano & G.N. Gosano.

Court 3: George Chao & L.C. Kotewall vs. T.E. Baker & R.O. Baker.

Court 4: E.M. Hayhurst & S/L N.M.W. Harris vs. Tsui Ping-in & Luk Ding-cheung.

Court 5: G. Lin & S.P. Toa vs. F.M. Ribeiro & T.E. Rodrigues.

Court 6: I. Agafuroff & Dr. H. Meyer vs. Lee Yue-wing & Wong Shiu-wing.

Umpires: Lee Wai-tong, A.J. Doyle, Chow Sing-tao, Ho Ka-lau, C.W.L. Way and J.C. Beirne.

CEYLON TEST

Colombo, February 28. At the interval today, Ceylon had scored 23 runs for three wickets in their second innings of the second Test after the West Indies cricketers had declared at 513 for nine in their first innings.

Ceylon were dismissed in their first innings for 381 runs.—Reuter.

Candidates For 1956 Olympics

London, February 28.

In two months' time, the International Olympic Committee meets in Rome to discuss, among other things, the venue for the 1956 Olympic Games.

Australia is inviting the athletes of the world to visit Melbourne, capital city of Victoria State, but it is known that several other big cities, particularly some in the United States, are keen to stage the next Olympiad, following the 1952 Helsinki Games.

Now, according to a Madrid report, Spain is being urged also to join the queue of applicants. The suggestion came from a well-known Spanish sports critic, who writes under the pen-name of Juan Deportista.

In an article in the Madrid weekly, "Fotos", Deportista declared that the candidates for the 1956 Games are Buenos Aires, Melbourne, Lausanne, Detroit, Los Angeles, Mexico City, Rome and Tokyo.

"There are no reasons why Madrid or Barcelona should not present their candidatures as

well," he wrote. Deportista thinks that either of these cities can organise the Games with an even greater and better regard to details and arrangements than did London last year.

Alternatively, Deportista suggested that all Latin-American nations should get together and sponsor either of the applications which, he said, had been made by Buenos Aires and Mexico City.

"Their candidatures are particularly popular with us," he added. While on the subject, Deportista put forward the proposal that, in addition to the Olympic Games, all Spanish and Portuguese speaking countries should hold their own Games.

"These 'Ibero-American Games'," he suggested, could be held alternatively in some big South American city and in Lisbon or Madrid.—Reuter.

In a closely fought game last evening on the Club ground, the United Services, Singapore, Rugby team defeated Club by a dropped goal and a try (six points) to a try (three points).

The game was not without difficulty in their minds in deciding whether this is a first class side lacking experience of playing together or a mediocre XV with one or two above average players in it.

In the line-outs the visitors were definitely superior to Club but in the scrums, Hong Kong, although forced to pack higher, often obtained the ball.

Singapore forwards played well in the open but would have done better had they used their feet instead of short interpassing movements.

Club backs just will not lie on the ball, apart from J. Henderson and Lochlan.

Services had good halves and at no period of the game were they overshadowed by Henderson and Nolan, the latter pair played much better together last evening than Nolan, Hong Kong's outstanding player, still lies too shallow, forcing him to take the ball standing. This is also true of Club's centres.

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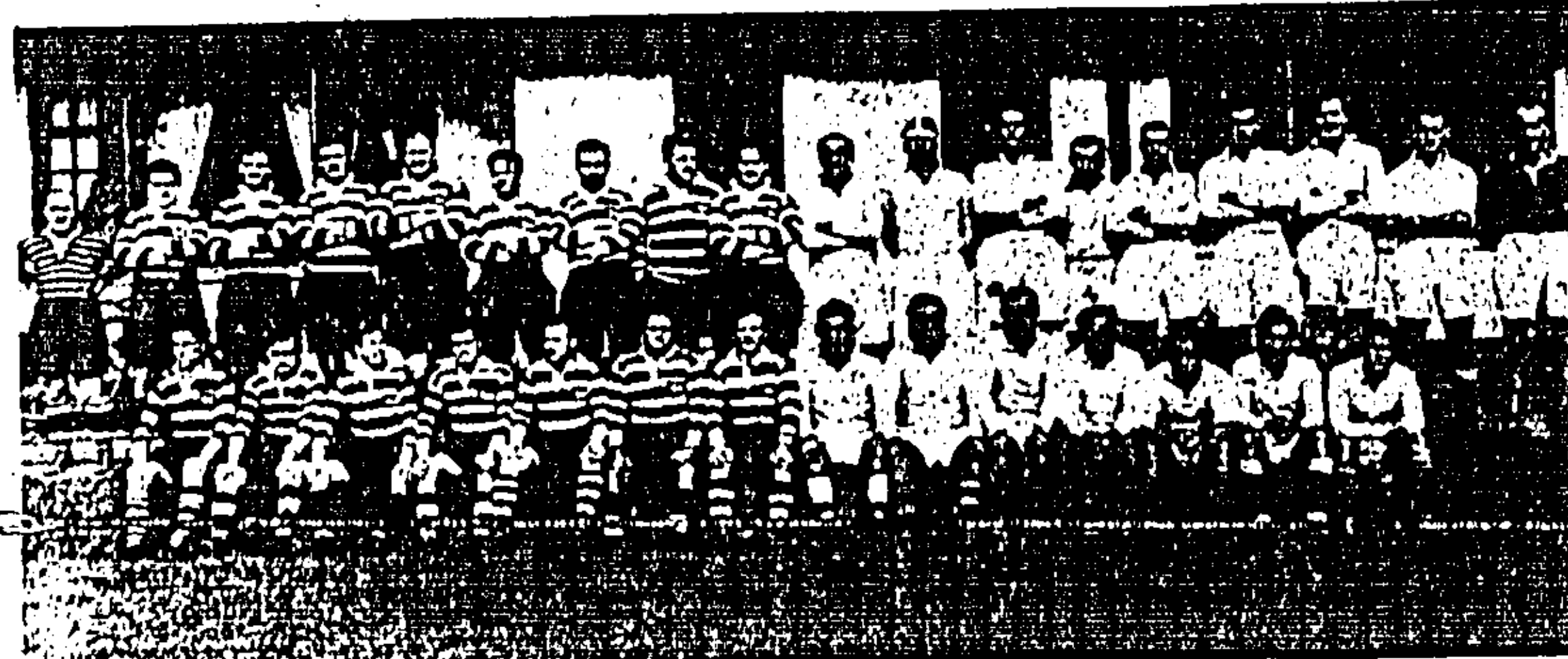
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The Hong Kong Football Club and Singapore United Services Rugby teams which met on the Club Ground at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon. The game ended in a win for Singapore by six points to three. ("China Mail" photo).

Orgy Of Run-Getting By Compton & Hutton

London, February 28.

Denis Compton, the irreplaceable Middlesex and England batsman, has scored nearly 12,500 runs in first-class post-war cricket.

This orgy of run-getting began in India in the season of 1945-46, when he scored 577 runs in first class matches there while in the Army.

Since then, Compton has been playing cricket continuously except for the 1947-48 winter, when he played football for Arsenal instead of touring the West Indies.

His peak period was in the 1947 English season, in which he failed by less than 200 to aggregate 4,000 runs.

Compton's post-war record is: 577 in India (1945-46), 2,403 in England (1946), 1,000 in Australia (1946-47), 3,318 in England (1947), 2,451 in England (1948) and 1,565 to date in the South African tour. This gives him a grand total of 12,472.

Len Hutton, the Yorkshire and England opening batsman, also has a splendid post-war record of more than 10,000 runs.

He has played for practically the same length of time since the cessation of hostilities, with the exception of a few matches in the West Indies.

But, in comparing the figures to these two players, it must be remembered that Hutton is an opening batsman and has to face bowlers when they are fresh and keen.

Hutton's Record

Statistics in South Africa recorded that Hutton, at the finish of the fourth Test of the present series there, needed eight more runs to complete his 10,000 runs in post-war first-class matches.

This was not strictly correct, for they appear to have overlooked the fact that Hutton scored 782 runs in a few matches in 1945 which the Marylebone Cricket Club recognised as first-class.

Hutton's post-war total of 10,774 runs was reached as follows: 782 in England (1945), 1,532 in England (1946), 1,207 in Australia (1946-47), 3,318 in the West Indies (1947-48), 2,054 in England (1948) and 1,356 to date on the present South African tour.—Reuter.

PARKER WINS FRENCH TITLE

Paris, February 27. The veteran U.S. tennis champion, Frank Parker, won the French International indoor tennis title today. He beat the number one French left-handed player, Marcel Bernard, 6-1, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Parker was the better player all the way through. It was only by inspired playing that Bernard took the second set.

Afterwards Parker's better placing and assurance gave him a relatively easy win.

In the women's finals, Madame Maud Galtier beat Madame Jacqueline Boutin 6-0, 6-1, 6-3.

In the mixed doubles, the veteran, Jean Borotra, teamed with Mlle. Collette Begner, beat Madame Andreée Haillet and Roland Jourdain 6-2, 8-6.—Associated Press.

FANLING GOLF

The weather fortunately cleared up on Sunday after the early morning rain which softened the course and made conditions excellent.

There were more than 30 entries for the Bogey Golf which was won by Mr. S.S. Gordon who returned to the runner up, Mr. L.C. Saville being All Square.

The third round of the Men's Foursomes was completed and the fourth round has to be completed by March 13.

Next Saturday and Sunday the usual monthly qualifying round for the Captains' cup will be played.

PORTUGAL LOSE

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SWIMMING STAR OFF TO MANILA

(By "KIMBERLEY")

Chan Chun-nam, star Colony swimming champion, flies to the Philippines tomorrow to take part in the all-Philippines swimming championship meet on March 4 and 5.

An invitation from Manila was extended to Chan, Luckie Rose, Shunna Anderson and Mame Leong. None of the girls is able to make the trip.

Chan was entertained at a farewell dinner at the China Emporium by Poon Wing-kai.

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